

# DDoS Wargames

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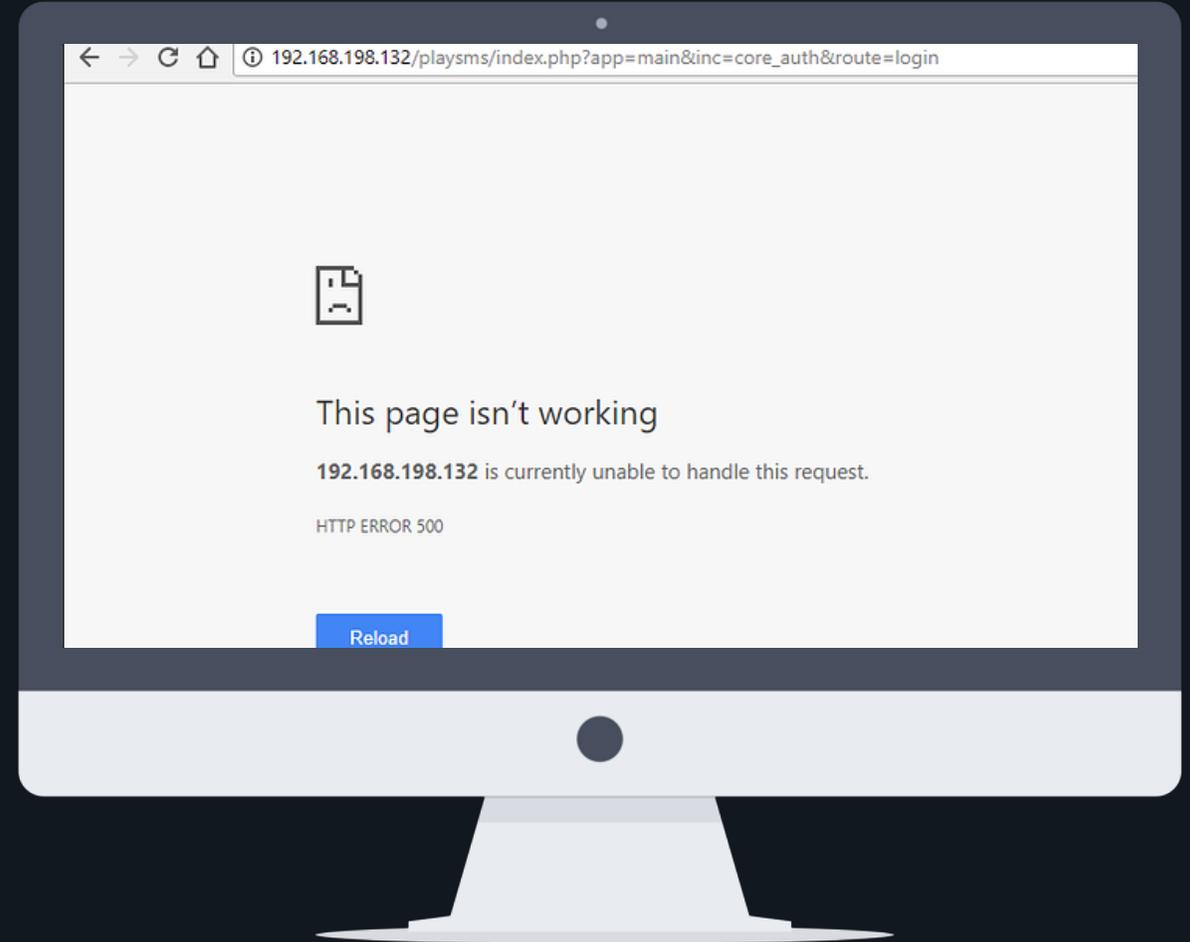
# Agenda

- Why are we here today?
- Who are we?
- DDoS in the real world
- But how do I build my defense?
- Arbor SP and Arbor APS Demo



# Why are we here today?

- Distributed Denial of Service
- To exhaust resources
- To prevent legitimate users to connect



# The Cyber Reflection

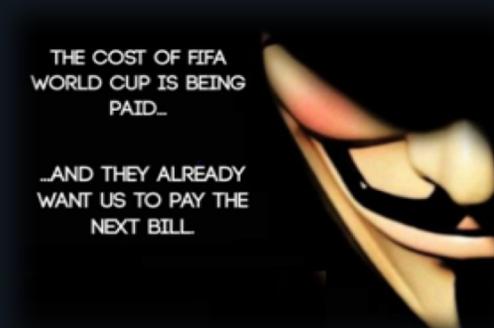


Every Physical Geo-Political Event...

Has a Cyber Reflection...



# Every event has a cyber reflection



Attack targets were not necessarily the events themselves, but organizations tangentially associated with the events.



# What is it used for?

## Attackers - Victims

- Mafias
- Hactivists
- Competition
- Gamers
- Students
- Former employee
- Ransom
- Political Statement
- Business impact
- Get rid off the opponent
- To skip tests
- Angry, Vengeance

“A 17-year-old high school boy may face state and federal charges for allegedly having paid a third party to launch a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack that crippled the West Ada school district in Idaho, US, for a week and a half earlier this month.”

**Some students had to take the tests multiple times.**

Source: Naked Security



# How easy it really is to launch a DDoS?

Really really easy!!!

- Easy to find
- Clear and modern User Interface
- Several locations
- Many attack vectors
- Multiple paiement options
- Support center
- Community Manager

The image shows a screenshot of a DDoS service website and a social media post. The website displays a table of service packages with columns for Package, Length, Boot, Price, and Payment Methods. The social media post is from 'PutinStresser' and features a 'server maintenance' banner.

Package	Length	Boot	Price	Payment Methods
Basic Bronze	1 Months	200sec and 1 concurrents	€3.5	PayPal, Bitcoin, PaySafeCard, ETH
Basic Silver	1 Months	450sec and 1 concurrents	€4.5	PayPal, Bitcoin, PaySafeCard, ETH
Basic Gold	1 months	600sec and 1 concurrents	€6	PayPal, Bitcoin, PaySafeCard, ETH
Basic Master	1 Months	800sec and 1 concurrents	€10	PayPal, Bitcoin, PaySafeCard, ETH

PutinStresser  
15 February · 🌐  
<https://youtu.be/ypNkeTCnlp8>  
PutinStresser.eu | Layer 3 & 4 & 7 | Strong & Cheap | Review  
WebBased Botnet | OVH Drop | 80Gbit/s Per Attack | ...  
YOUTUBE.COM

server maintenance



# Plans, service, support, APIs,

The screenshot displays a dashboard with a dark theme. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with items: 'IsItUp?', 'Tools', 'SUPPORT', 'Support Center', 'buy your own API', and 'Purchase' (highlighted in red). The main content area features four status cards at the top: '14 TOTAL SERVERS ONLINE' (with a bar chart), '187 NEW MEMBERS' (with a line graph), '393 GLOBAL STRESS' (with a line graph), and '0/25 RUNNING ATTACKS' (with a line graph). Below these are four pricing plans in red boxes: 'Beginner' (€5), 'Starter' (€10), 'Basic' (€15), and 'Basic+' (€20). Each plan lists features: '600 Seconds' (Beginner), '3600 Seconds' (Starter), '7200 Seconds' (Basic), and '7200 Seconds' (Basic+); '1 Concurrent' (Beginner, Starter, Basic) vs '2 Concurrent' (Basic+); '1 Months' (all); 'Access All Tools' (all); and 'Available Support' (all). Each plan has a green 'select plan' button at the bottom.

Plan	Price	Seconds	Concurrent	Duration	Tools	Support
Beginner	€5	600	1	1 Months	Access All Tools	Available Support
Starter	€10	3600	1	1 Months	Access All Tools	Available Support
Basic	€15	7200	1	1 Months	Access All Tools	Available Support
Basic+	€20	7200	2	1 Months	Access All Tools	Available Support

source: <https://youtu.be/aLMEhEUPlds>



# Dutch banks crippled by DDoS Attack

January 2018

## Myth:

ABN Amro CEO Kees van Dijkhuizen said that “attacks like these probably cost the perpetrators **tens of millions of euros**”, fuelling speculation that the attack had come from a **nation state**.

## Fact:

But the truth has proved rather less spectacular when police arrested an **18-year-old** known as Jelle S in his home town of Oosterhout. Jelle claimed to have bought a ready-made “stresser” DDoS package on the dark web for which he had paid **€50 a week** to send **50-100Gb/s** of data to victims.

[Source: computerweekly.com](http://computerweekly.com)



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

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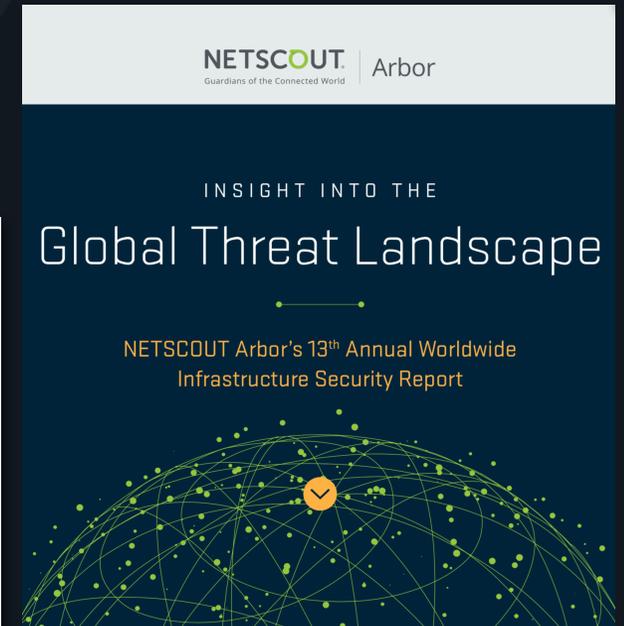
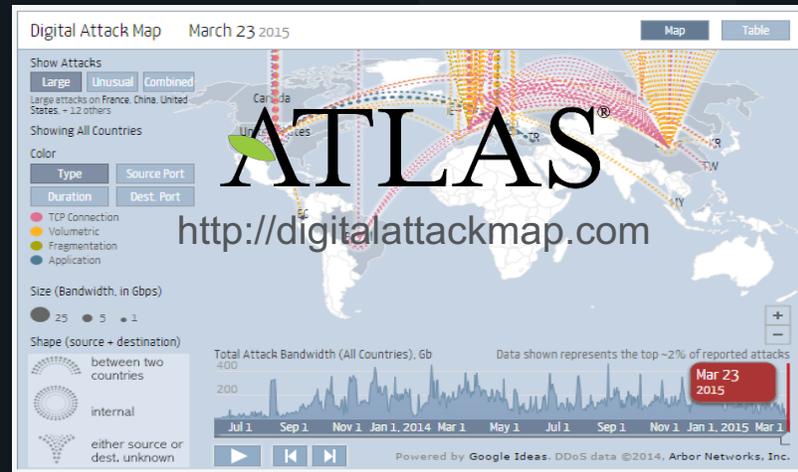
Industry leader in DDoS attack protection products.

98%

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

1/3

Amount of Internet traffic monitored by the ATLAS



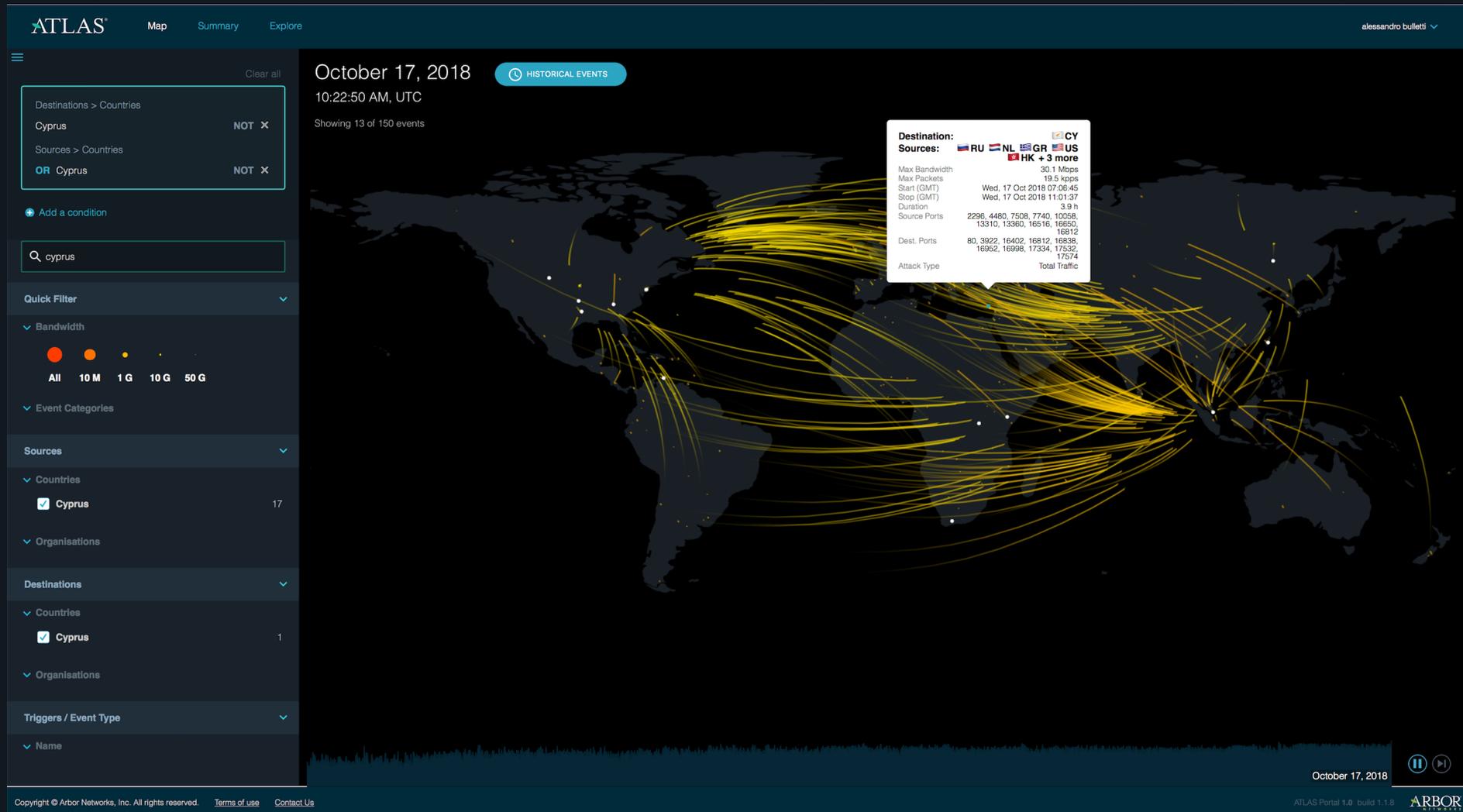
*Arbor Networks knows more about the internet's workings than possibly anyone outside the National Security Agency.*

Ryan Singel – [Wired.com](https://www.wired.com)



# ATLAS Data collects stats at any time

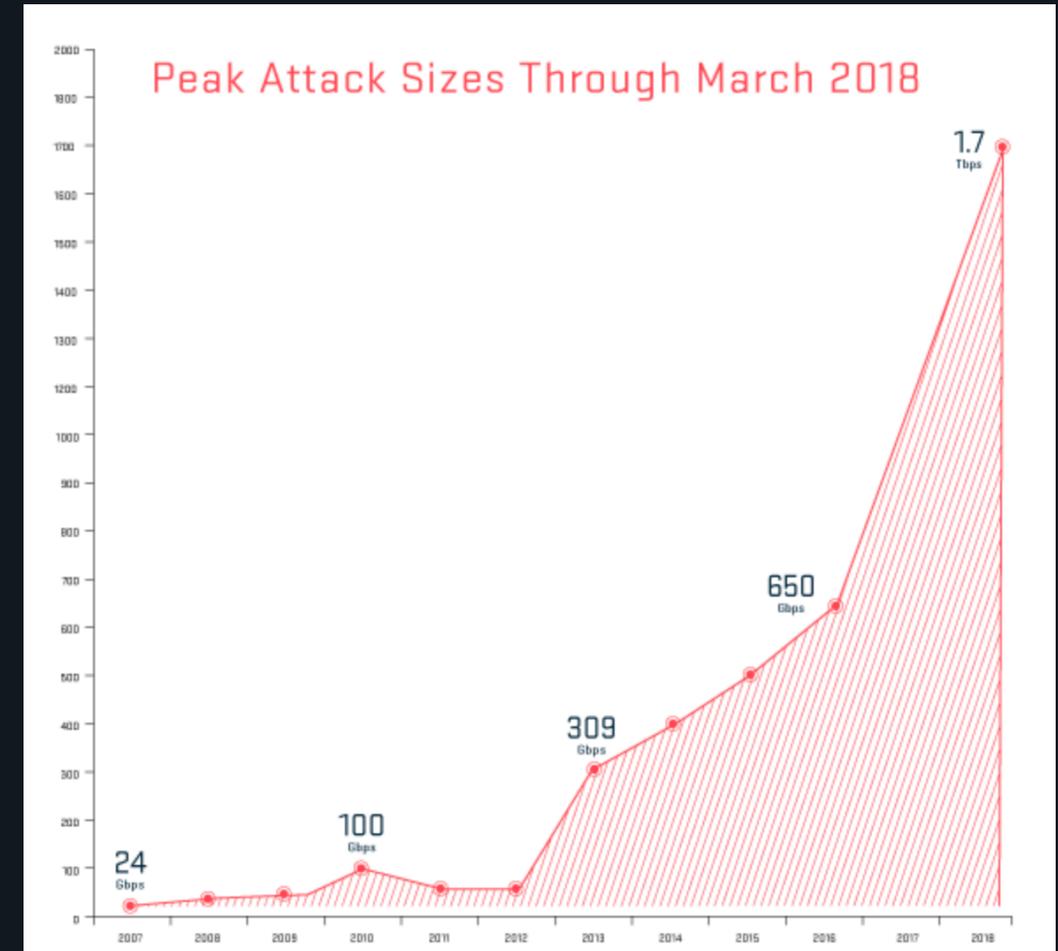
- Cyprus as S/D Country view on October 17th



# Peak attacks

2018 is a record year...

- New weaponized attack vectors like memcached
- Targets a vulnerability in a Datacenter service used to improve request performance
- Amplification factor can go up to 1:500,000 (maximum achieved in a lab environment)
- 1Mbps can generate 50Gbps
- **Not the most dangerous attack**



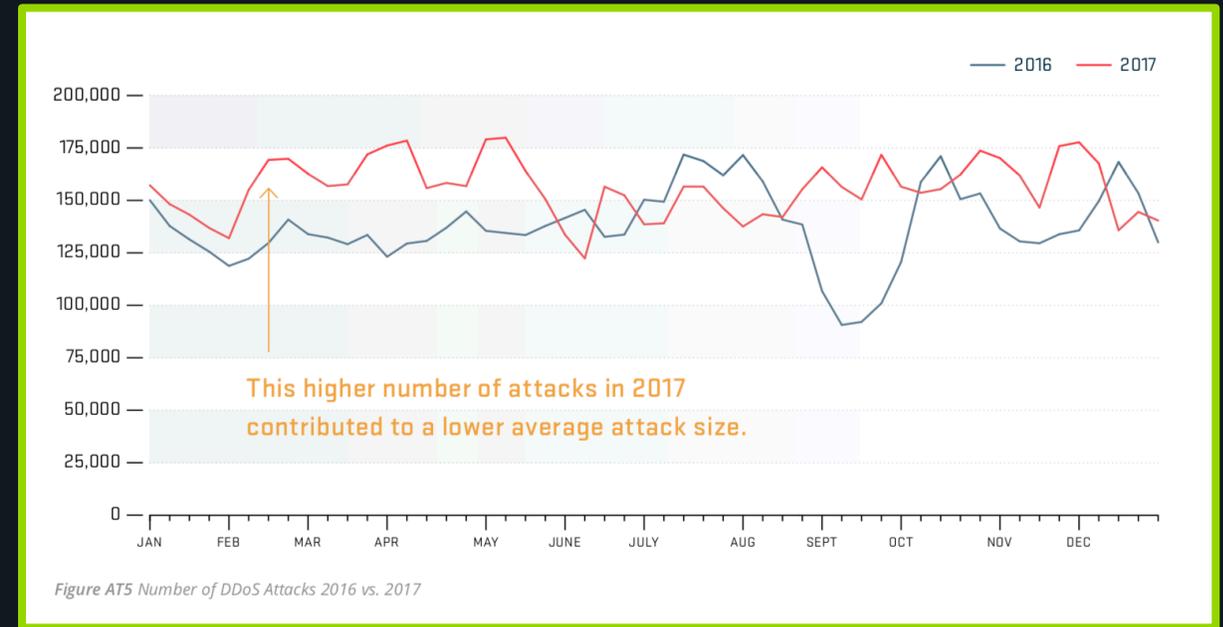
**1 Every 4 Seconds**

**DDoS Attacks in 2017**

**10% surge since  
2016**

# Attack Frequency

- ATLAS observed 7.5 million DDoS attacks in 2017 vs. 6.8 million in 2016
- 10% surge in a year
- DDoS is the easiest attack you can launch
- DDoS is the cheapest attack you can launch
- Few prosecution
- *ATLAS attacks observed for Cyprus, from Oct 2017 to present* →



# How many times have you been attacked?

Out of a panel of 400 enterprises

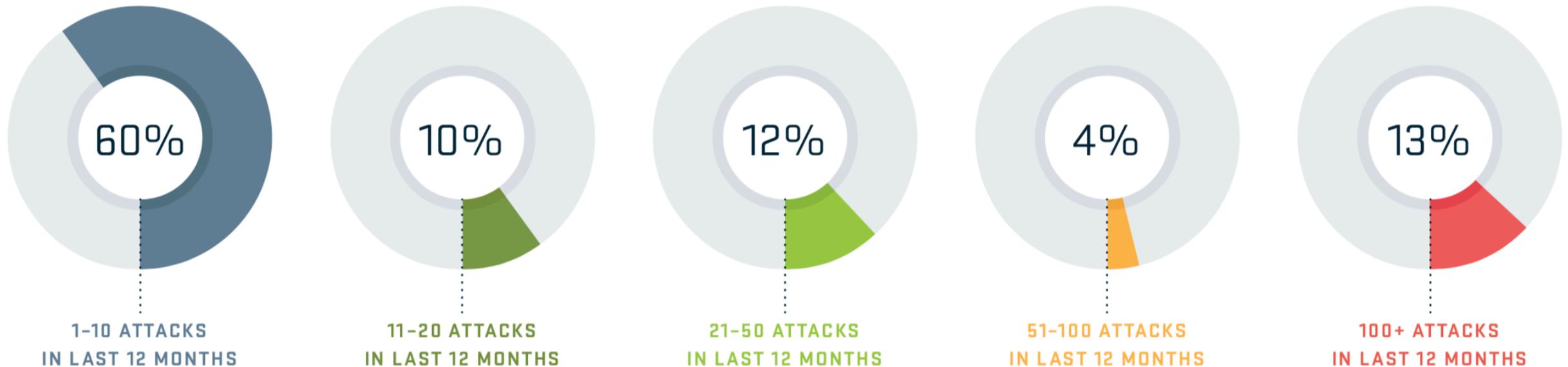
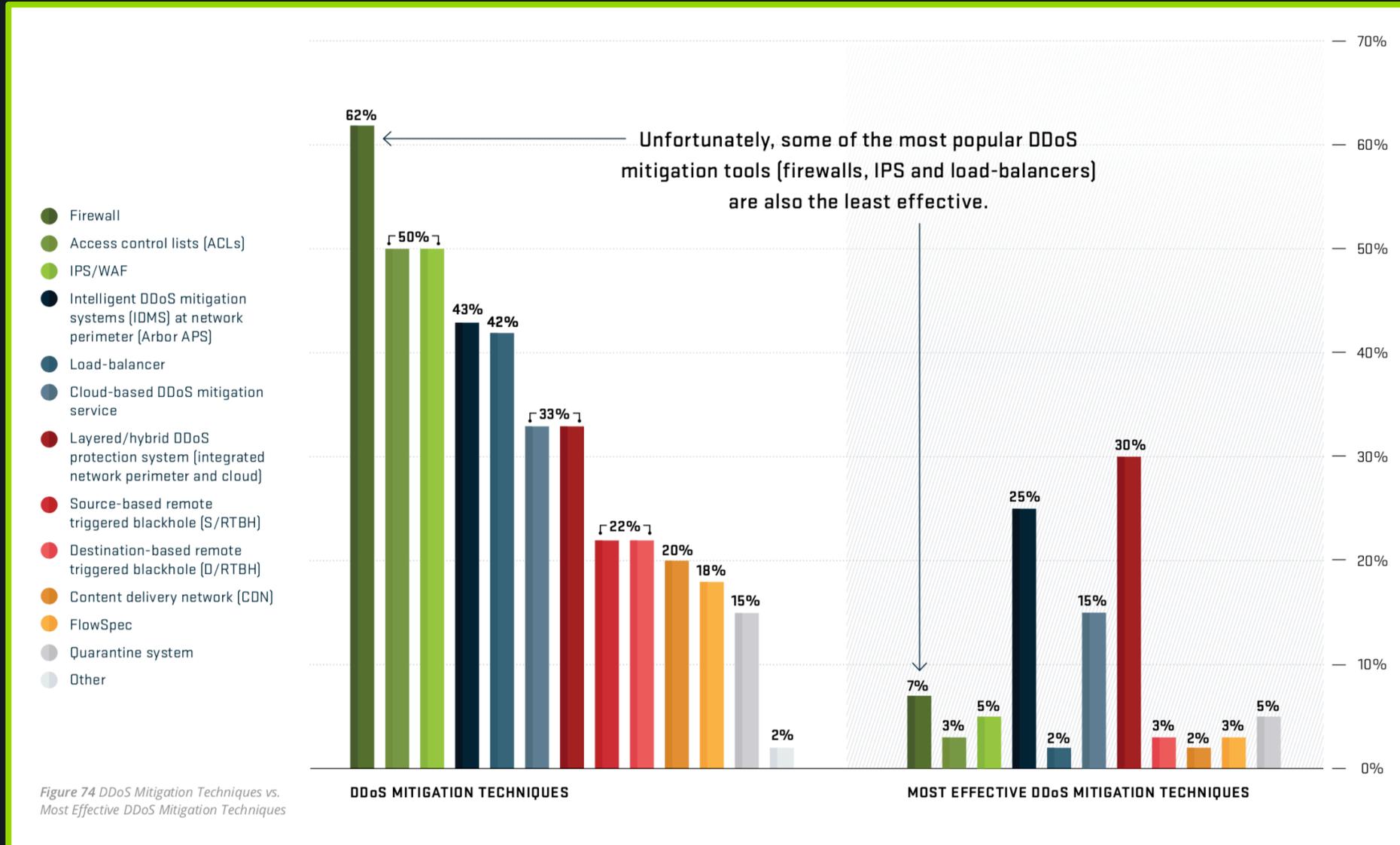


Figure 65 DDoS Attack Frequency



# Most used mitigation tools are the least effective



# Trend for DDoS Attacks

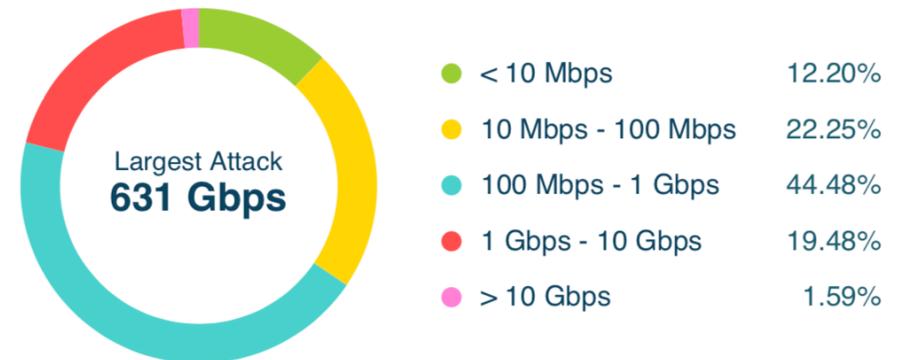
- WW data per September 2018 as collected by ATLAS
- Frequency and Breakout by Volume indicate short attacks
- Average bandwidth still < 1G

**Remember, attacks are getting more complex**

## Frequency by Duration:



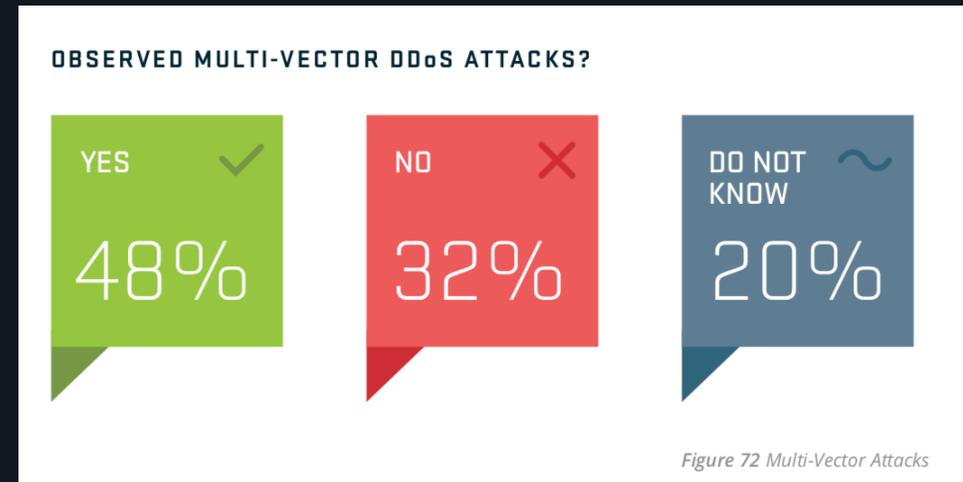
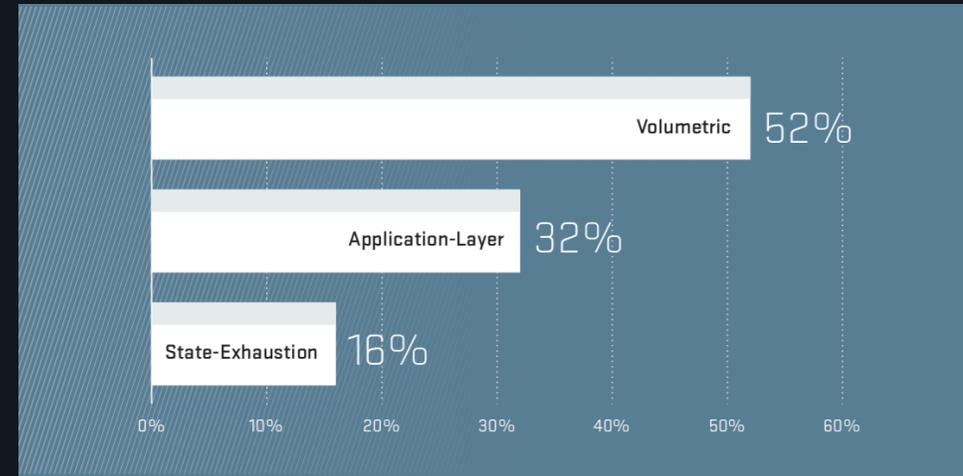
## Breakout by Volume:



# Complexity and subtlety

## DDoS attacks are organic

- DDoS attack change during the attack
- The attacker keeps an eye on the victims resources availability
- The vector will change to defeat the countermeasures
- 48% of attacks can be stopped on site
- 52% may require help from the ISP



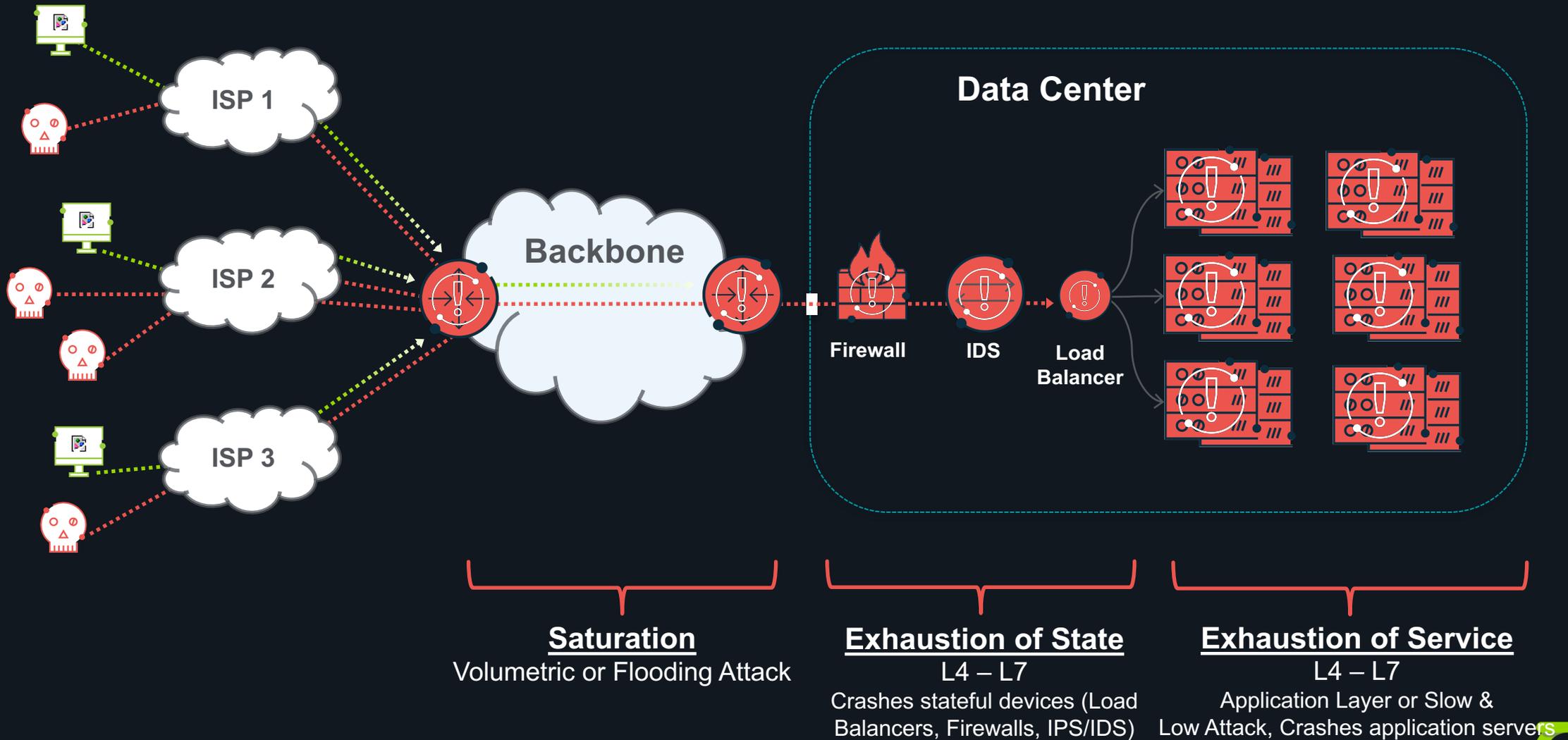
# Time to mitigation

## More important than you might think

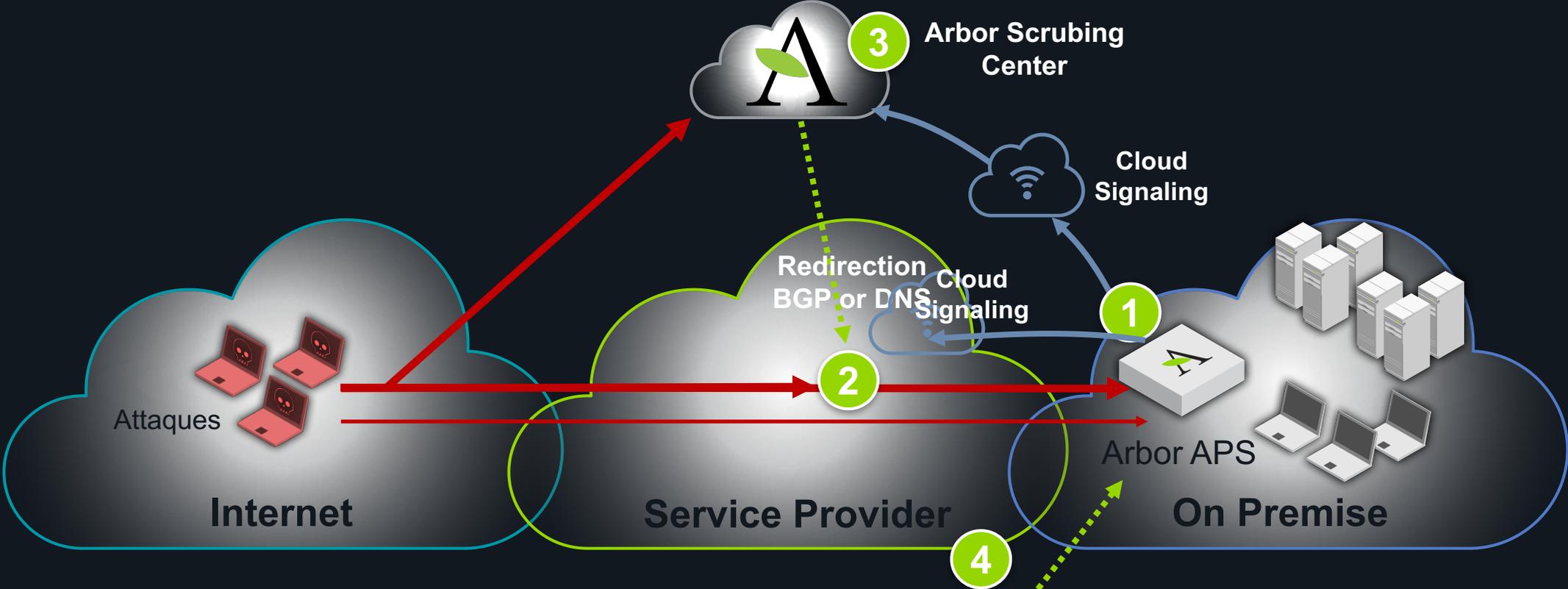
- Reducing the time to mitigation will benefit your company in several ways
- The infrastructure will not be impacted by any collateral damage (firewall, ips, waf crashing)
- The service will stay available longer
- Your customers won't leave



# How to counter every type of attack



# Arbor's Unique Multi-Layer DDoS Approach



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Security Engineering & Response Team



# Backed by the industry



*“DDoS mitigation solutions integrating on-premise equipment and ISP and/or mitigation architectures are nearly **four times more prevalent** than on-premise or services-only solutions.”*

*“...**Hybrid DDoS solutions offer best-of-breed attack mitigation** by combining on premise and cloud mitigation into a single, integrated solution...”*

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*“**Hybrid solutions offer the best of both.** (...) A hybrid approach provides fast detection and defense with low latency with the ability to utilize cloud-based mitigation should the need arise.”*

*“As DDoS attacks become more complex, **it becomes critical to ensure that the defenses become more integrated.** This trend for on-premises combined with off-premises, or **hybrid DDoS defense**, has become the strategy for many of the vendors.”*

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# Best Practices

1



- Factor network availability into the design of online services or applications; continuously stress-test.

2



- Develop a DDoS Attack Mitigation Process
- Continuously stress-test & refine.

3



- Utilize flow telemetry (e.g. NetFlow) collection & analysis for attack detection, classification & trace back.

4



- Deploy multi-layered DDoS protection which includes:**
  - On-premises Intelligent DDoS Mitigation Systems (e.g. Arbor APS / TMS products)
  - Overlay cloud-based DDoS protection services (i.e. Arbor Cloud or ISP/MSSP)
  - Network infrastructure-based techniques such as S/RTBH & Flowspec at all network edges

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- Scan for misconfigured, abusable services running on servers, routers, switches, home CPE devices, etc. (i.e. TCP 23/2323). Alert users running abusable services – possibly blocking until they are remediated.



# Best Practices

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## NTP Services

- Check [Open NTP Project](#) for abusible NTP services on your networks.
- Disallow Level 6/7 NTP queries from the Internet.

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## DNS Recursors

- Check [Open Resolve Project](#) for abusible open DNS recursors on your networks. Ensure only authorized users can query recursive DNS servers.

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- Ensure SNMP is blocked on public-facing infrastructure/servers.

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- Employ Anti-spoofing mechanisms such as Unicast Reverse-Path Forwarding, ACLs, DHCP Snooping & IP Source Guard, Cable IP Source Verify, etc. on all edges of ISP and enterprise networks.

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- Participate in the global operational security community and share threat intelligence and defense best practices.



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