

The Problem with North American Botnets

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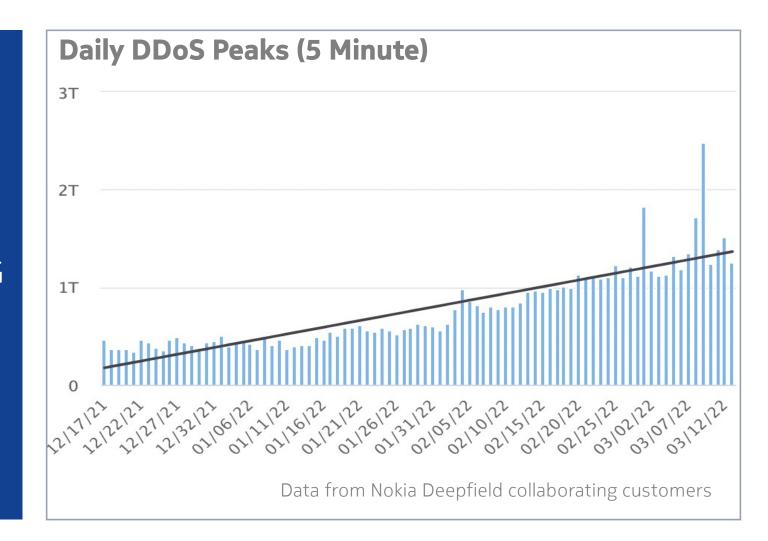
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Only first is true

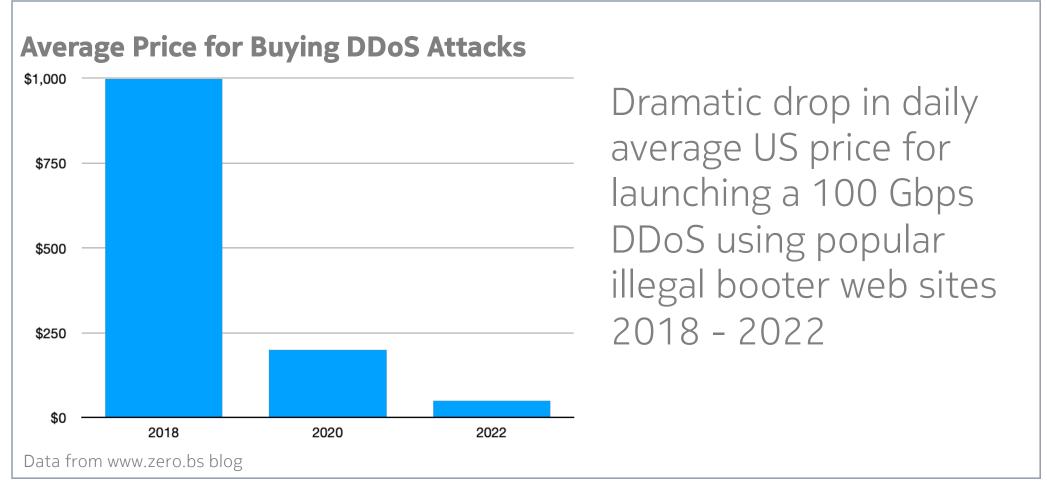
DDoS Traffic is Growing

Key Drivers

Extortion (bitcoin)
 Theft
 Gamers (Booters)
 Fixed Gigabit and 5G
 IoT Botnets

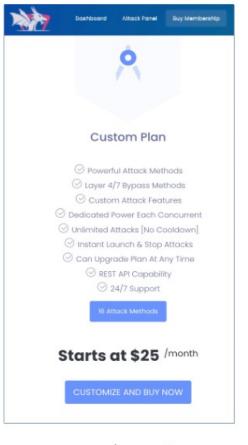


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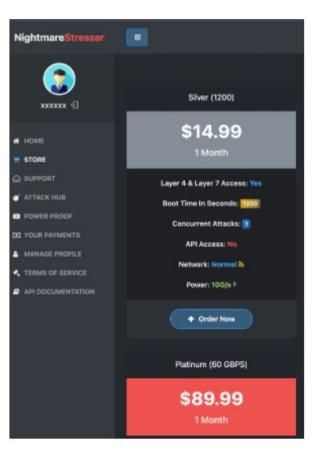
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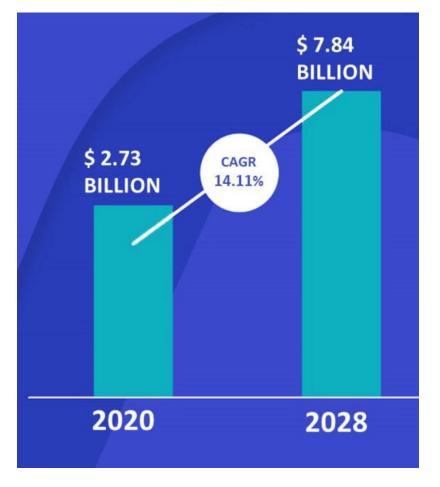
STRESSER.AI	
BASIC	ADVANCED
€40.00 per month	€150.00 per month
1,200 Seconds Maximum Attack Time	3,600 Seconds Maximum Attack Time
1 Simultaneous Attacks	3 Simultaneous Attacks
UNMETERED PREMIUM NETWORK	
No API Included	No API Included
Unlimited Daily Attacks	Unlimited Daily Attacks
Gain €1.60 Reward Points!	Gain €6.00 Reward Points!
SELECT PLAN	SELECT PLAN
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DDoS Defense Prices Increasing 2020 - 2028 Price per Gbps Anti-DDoS not declining at same rate as router / port

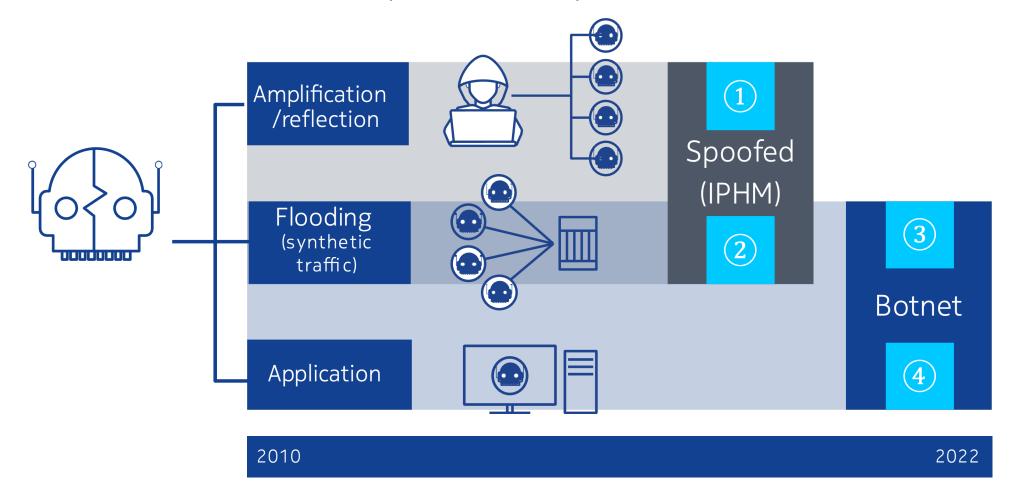


Market spend on DDoS solutions

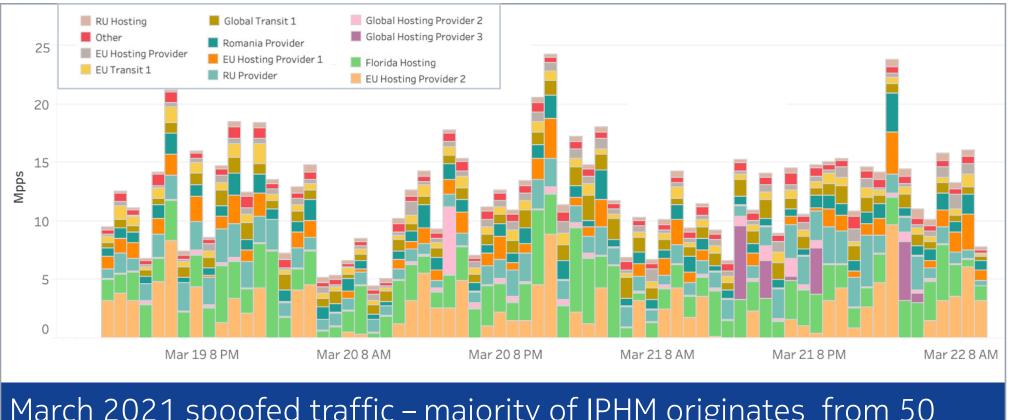
A great market for anti-DDoS vendors (and criminals!) A commercial challenge for CSP

Data from ww.verifiedmarketresearch.com

Changes to DDoS Market 2010–2020 Most DDoS Amplification of Synthetic Floods from IPHM



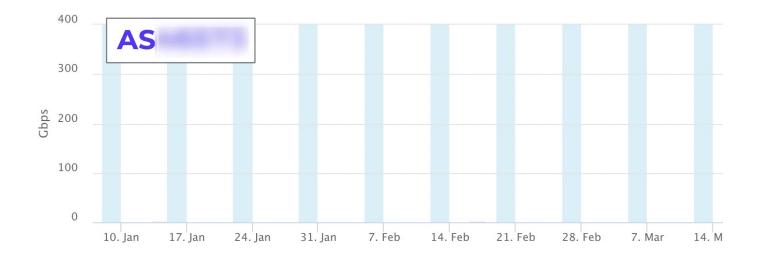
Most DDoS from Small Number of Hosting (2010 – 2020)



March 2021 spoofed traffic – majority of IPHM originates from 50 hosting companies / ASN

Data from June NANOG 2021 presentation showing obvious spoofed traffic including amplifier port pairs and invalid source CIDR

Dramatic Drop IPHM / Spoofing (2022)

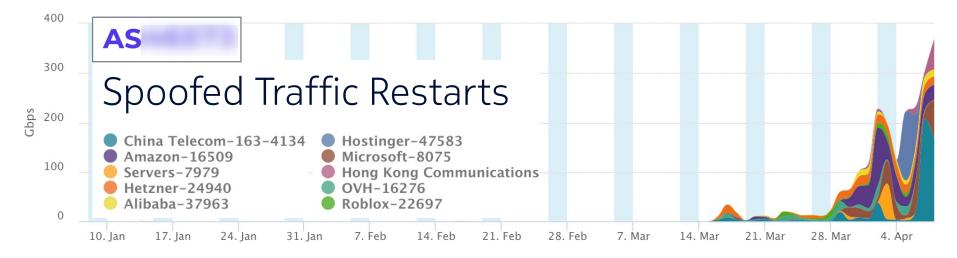


Spoofed traffic (invalid source ASN) observed outbound from one of largest global IPHM hosting companies

Good News! Spoofed traffic from several of top IPHM DDoS hosting stopped in H2 2021!

Thanks to NANOG / RIPE community and BCP 38

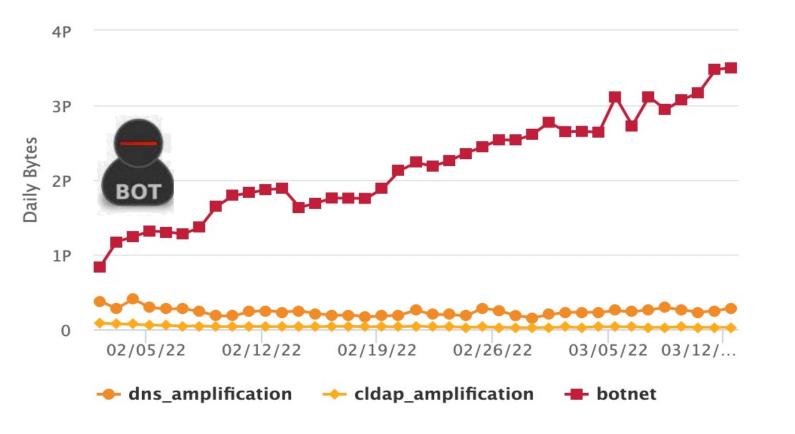
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Source CIDR of peering traffic from medium size hosting company that does not actually provide transit to Alibaba, OVH, Roblox, Microsoft

Less Good - Some IPHM hosting returned H1 2022 Please check your peers and customers!

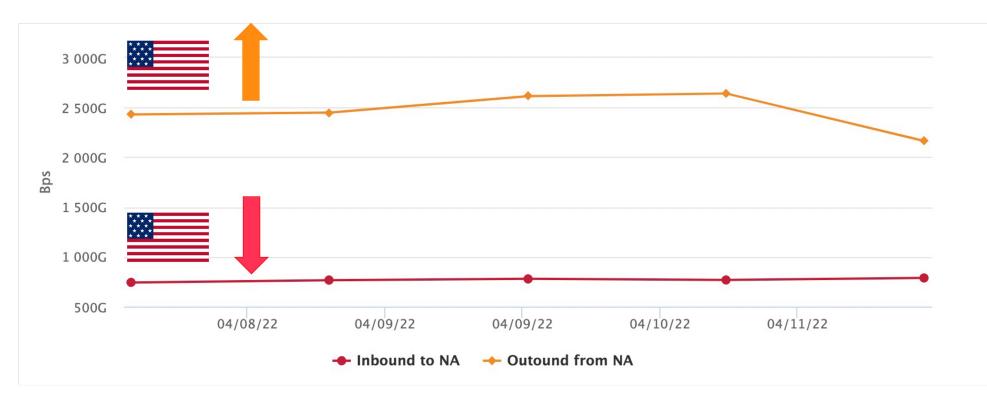
Botnets now dominant source of DDoS in North America



Less Good – Decline in IPHM spoofed (flood and amp) offset by Botnet DDoS

Data from collaborating Nokia customers

North America Net Producer of DDoS 2022



2010-220 North America victim / consumer of DDoS from EU / Asia **2022** North America is a net producer of DDoS traffic!

Too many DVR and IoT

300k+ IoT / Servers active in Commercial Botnets (24 hours)



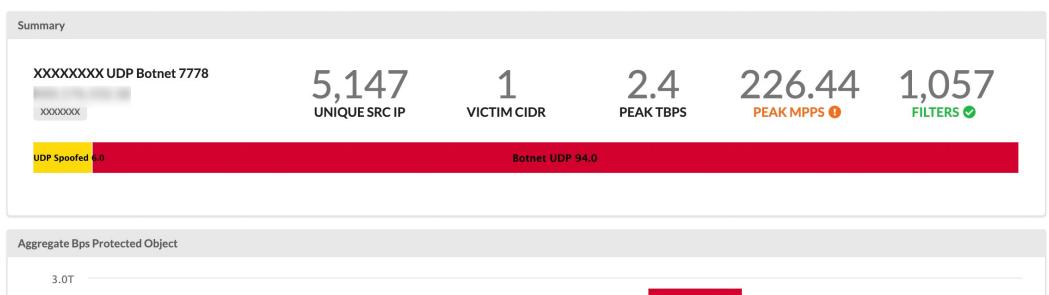
Parking meter

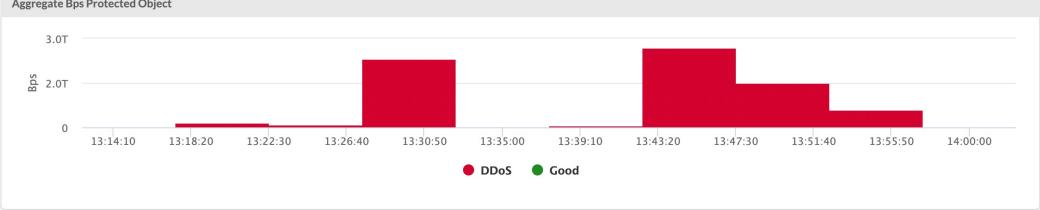
Y.Y.17.23 is a DDoS botnet member



- Other 'popular' members:
- Home routers, IP cameras, thermostats
- Other connected consumer devices
- Cloud servers & appliances, ...

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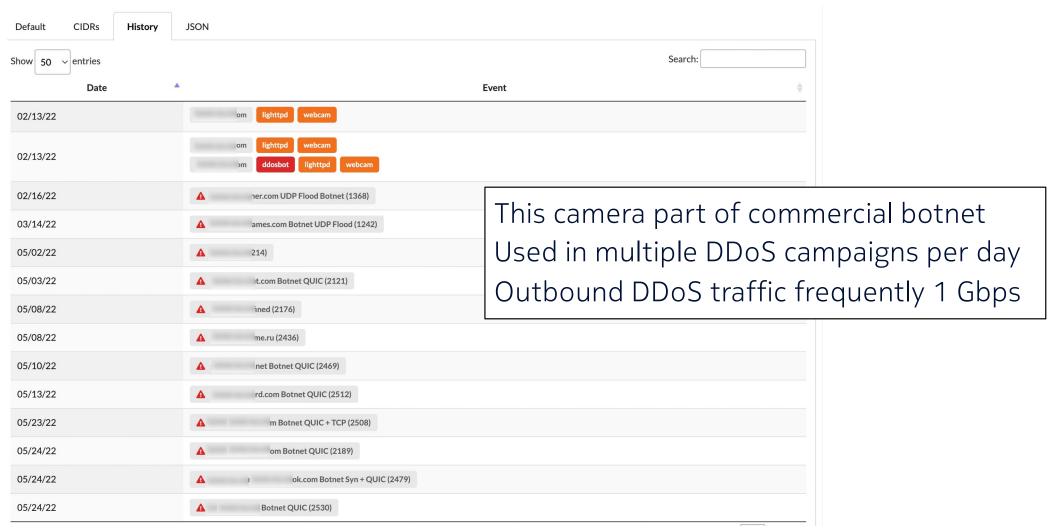
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Example: North America Botnet Attack to EU Crawling data for one of the 5k source IPs

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Default CID	.237.43	ISON		Cyclops				
Tag		Lcom cyclopsblink	ddosbot asus	Blink				
DNS	no DNS							
Open Ports				https://blog.talosintelligence.com/2022/02/threat-advisory-cyclops-b				
		Subject DN	C=US, CN=router.asus.com					
	442	Issuer DN	C=US, CN=router.asus.com					
	443	TLS Names	router.asus.com					
		Last	2022-03-30 23:40					
		NMAP	lighttpd (syn-ack confidence 10)					
	9010	Unknown	^a ð ÍEVENT_NOTIFY RECMODE_CAM=CM,CM,CM,CM,CM,CM,CM,CM,CM REC_ONOFF=R,R,R,R,R,R,R,R,R,R,R,R,R,R,R,R MOT MOTIONOFF_BMCAM=65407 VLOSS_CAM=0,0,0	ION_BMCAM=128				
		Last	2022-02-08 12:35					

A Month in the Life of One North American Webcam



The Problem with North American Botnets

- 1. Growth in IoT trending towards super linear
- 2. IoT security not improving
- 3. IoT Botnet DDoS challenging to mitigate
- 4. Structural problem / CSP incentive gap

The Problem with North American Botnets Payload / Header (e.g. HTTP(S)) are otherwise legitimate

📕 Apply a disp	lay filter <\$/>			🛋 🔹 +
Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	New Columi New Column
97.644348	60.76	129.128.212	ТСР	66 51193 → http(80) [ACK] Seq=2980944034 Ack=3081453094 Win=15936 Len=0 TSval=3ℓ
98.642161	62.172	129.128.212	тср	74 52605 → http(80) [SYN] Seq=802262346 Win=14600 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSv
99.033770	.62.172	129.128.212	TCP	66 52605 → http(80) [ACK] Seq=802262347 Ack=3609954826 Win=14600 Len=0 TSval=153
99.441880	.62.172	129.128.212	HTTP	562 GET / HTTP/1.1
99.842024	62.172	129.128.212	TCP	66 52605 → http(80) [ACK] Seq=802262843 Ack=3609955480 Win=15912 Len=0 TSval=153
103.9854	62.172	129.128.212	TCP	66 52605 → http(80) [FIN, ACK] Seq=802262843 Ack=3609955480 Win=15912 Len=0 TSva
104.0505	197.180	129.128.212	тср	74 45020 → http(80) [SYN] Seq=3474691192 Win=14400 Len=0 MSS=1440 SACK_PERM=1 TS
104.1367	.51.82	129.128.212	тср	74 33244 → http(80) [SYN] Seq=996816557 Win=14400 Len=0 MSS=1440 SACK_PERM=1 TSv
104.1380	197.180	129.128.212	TCP	74 45022 → http(80) [SYN] Seq=4050340633 Win=14400 Len=0 MSS=1440 SACK_PERM=1 TS
104.1441	.51.82	129.128.212	тср	74 33245 → http(80) [SYN] Seq=530367053 Win=14400 Len=0 MSS=1440 SACK_PERM=1 TSv

Frame 115: 562 bytes on wire (4496 bits), 562 bytes captured (4496 bits)

Ethernet II, Src: AristaNe_c2:1d:3b (44:4c:a8:c2:1d:3b), Dst: VMware_2a:c8:e9 (00:50:56:2a:c8:e9)

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 152.231.62.172, Dst: 129.128.212

Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 52605 (52605), Dst Port: http (80), Seq: 802262347, Ack: 3609954826, Len: 496

Hypertext Transfer Protocol

► GET / HTTP/1.1\r\n

Host: 129.128.212\r\n

Connection: keep-alive\r\n

Pragma: no-cache\r\n
Cache-Control: no-cache\r\n

Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1\r\n

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Linux; Android 10; RMX2032 Build/QKQ1.200209.002) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/87.0.4280.101 Mobile Safari/537.36\r\n

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.9\r\n Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate\r\n

Accept-Language: en-US\r\n

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[Full request URI: http:// .129.128.212/]

[HTTP request 1/1]

Solving North American Botnet Problem

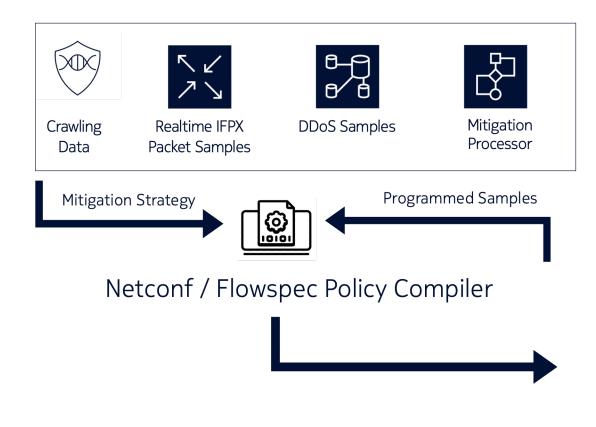
- Structural / CSP Incentives
- Track the Botnets
 - Crawling (multiple vendors)
 - Threat Sharing (real-time DDoS botnet reporting)
 - Library of every DDoS (make public)
- 10x Reduce DDoS Mitigation Cost and Increase Scale
 - Take advantage of existing router silicon (multiple vendors)
 - Crawling data + Botnet Data + Compiler + Netconf / Flowspec

Library of DDoS Attacks 2021 - Present 10K+ attacks from commercial booters and collaborating Nokia customers

GID 🝦		Attack	Src IP 🔻	Dst IP	Bps 🔶	Pps 🔶	Filters 💠 Fa	lse Positive 🍦	Status
3	Asylum	PPS Spoofed UDP ecksum arients	43,323,931	1	7.2 Gbps	31.2 Gpps	1	0%	Approved
10	CataBooter	ACK TCP ACK Flood with mos	39,705,864	1	9.4 Gbps	28.8 Gpps	1	0%	Approved
102	Stresser	ICMP-Echo Badly spoofed ICMP Echo Flood with IPs randomized from	33,310,986	1	5.3 Gbps	23.5 Gpps	1	0%	Approved
81	Str3sser	TCP-Bypass Badly spoofed TCP Syn flood wi y	18,134,655		103 Mbps	313 Kbps	0	0%	Approved
2	Asylum	ExoFlag Spoofed TCP XMAS flood with r measures	14,467,644	1	3.7 Gbps	9.5 Gpps	3	0%	Approved
75	Str3sser	Bomb UDP Flood with most 1 ge. IP	13,344,478		57 Mbps	223 Kbps	0	0%	Approved
45	IPStress	VSE Yet another UDP Flood with	12,985,611	1	2.5 Gbps	8.3 Gpps	1	0%	Approved

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Netconf / Flowspec Mitigation Performance Possible to block all DDoS on Routers (multiple vendors)

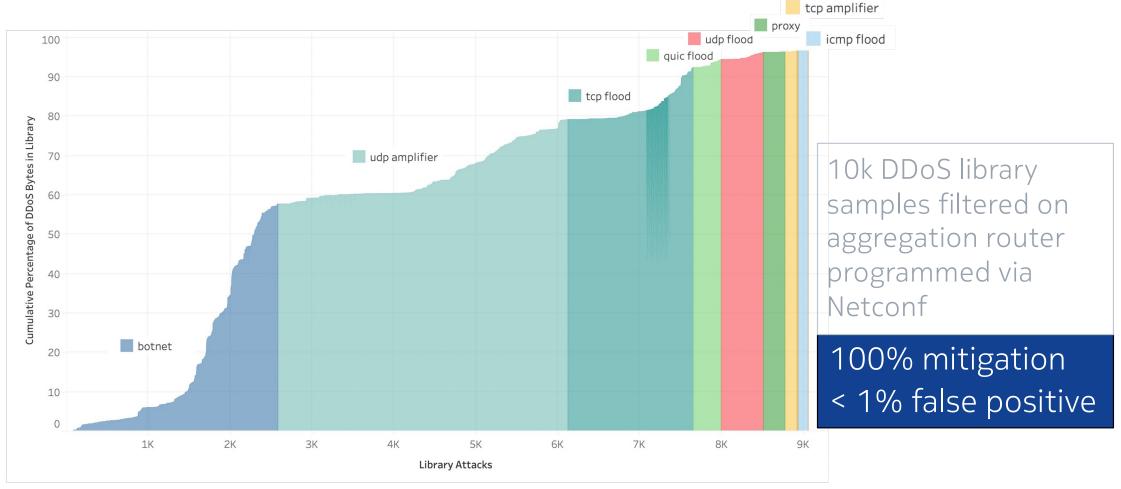


try 8 create description ";#DFA;acl_90" match protocol 17 dst-ip ip-prefix-list "VLAB_7_1" packet-length lt 40 fragment false drop entry 9 create description ";#DFA;acl_571" match protocol 6 dst-ip ip-prefix-list "VLAB_7_1" tcp-fin true tcp-syn true drop entry 10 create description ";#DFA;acl_579"
match protocol 6 src-ip ip-prefix-list "VLAB_9_518" action drop entry 4 create description ";#DFA;acl_13498" match dst-ip ip-prefix-list "VLAB_9_495" ttl range 1 37 drop

Linecard

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