Distributed Denial of Service Attacks

Detection and Mitigation

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Introduction

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Internet Service Provider since 1995;
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MD Brasil IT & Telecom

Internet Access Provider in São Paulo state - Brazil;
Telecom equipment manufacturer and integrator;
Mikrotik Training Center since 2007;
Consulting services worldwide.

http://mdbrasil.com.br http://mikrotikbrasil.com.br

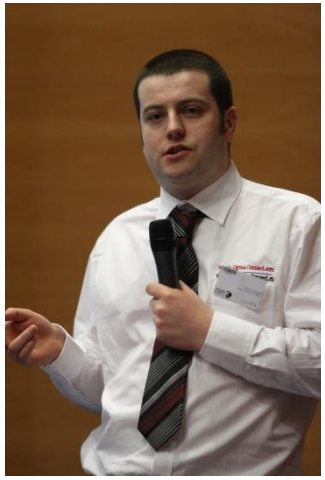
Previous Participations on European MUMs

Wireless Security (2008 – Krakow/PL)
Wireless Security for OLPC project (2009 – Prague/CZ)
Layer 2 Security (2010 – Wroclaw/PL)
Routing Security (2011 – Budapest/HU)
IPv6 Security (2012 - Warsaw/PL)
BGP Filtering (2013 – Zagreb/CR)
MPLS VPNs Security (2014 – Venice/IT)
Network Simulation (2015 – Prague/CZ)

Today: DDoS attacks – detection and mitigation

http://mikrotikbrasil.com.br/artigos

DDoS attacks



Last year our good friend Tom Smyth (Wireless Connect – Ireland) did a great presentation about DDoS.

http://mum.mikrotik.com/2015/CZ/info

There is a lot of useful information on that work:

Concepts about DDoS, BCP 38, UrPF, how to reduce the surface of attacks blackholing unused space, etc, etc,

Definitely get that presentation and do your Homework!

DDoS – Detection and Mitigation

Why (again) this subject?

DDoS – Should I care?

https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/2016-year-3000-gbps-ddos-attack-tech2016-marcos-ortiz-valmaseda?trk=pulse_spock-articles

We have to be prepared for bigger and bigger attacks

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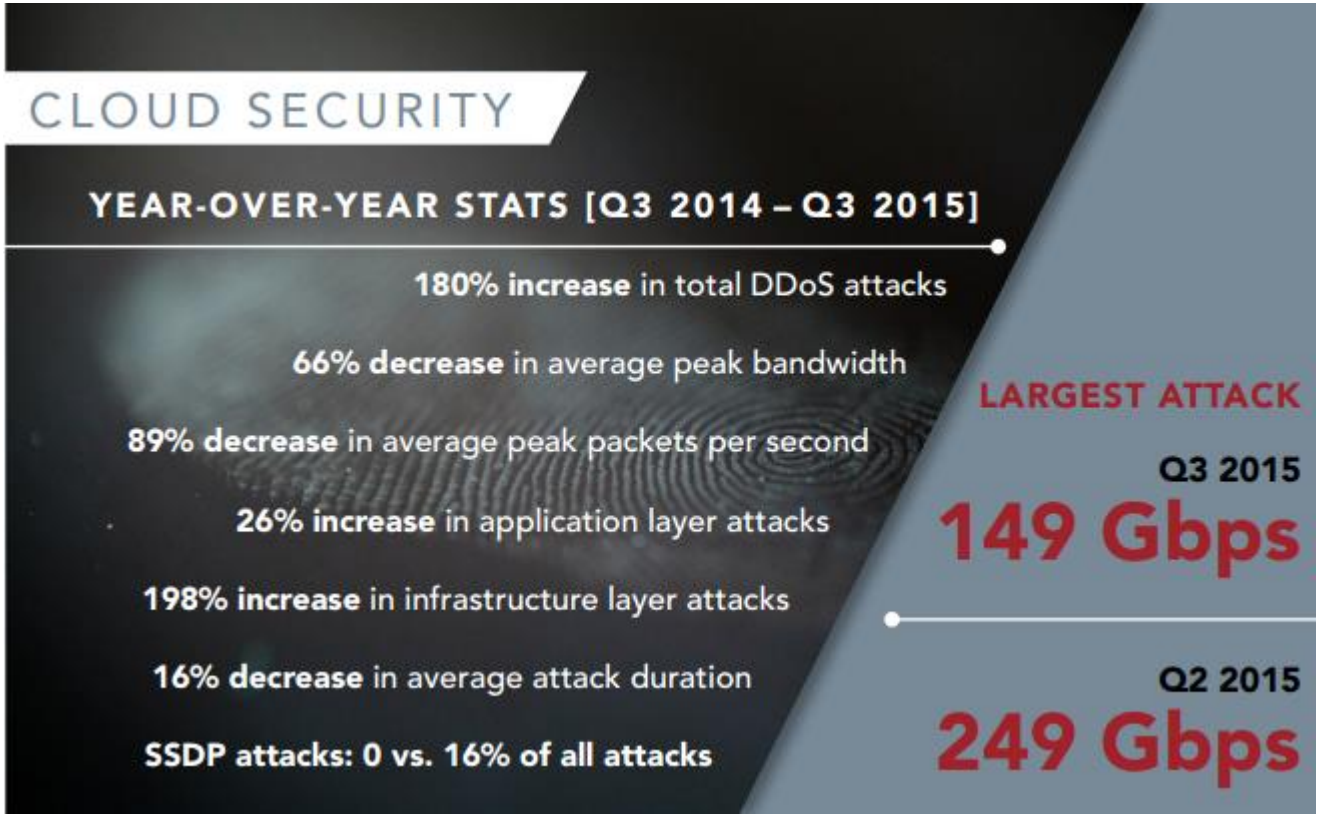
Is DDoS a “privilege” of Big Operators and Data Centers?

Could my (small/medium) company be a target?

DDoS – Should I Care?



https://www.stateoftheinternet.com/downloads/pdfs/Q3-2015-SOTI-Connectivity-Executive-Summary.pdf

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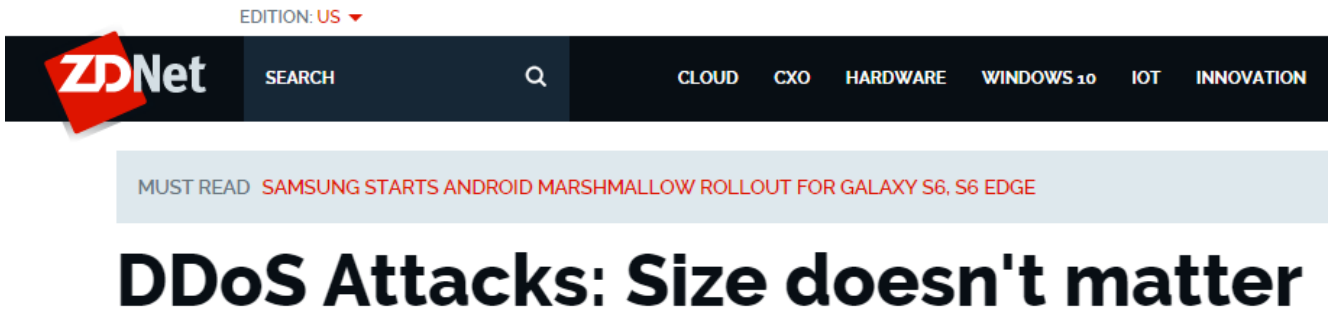

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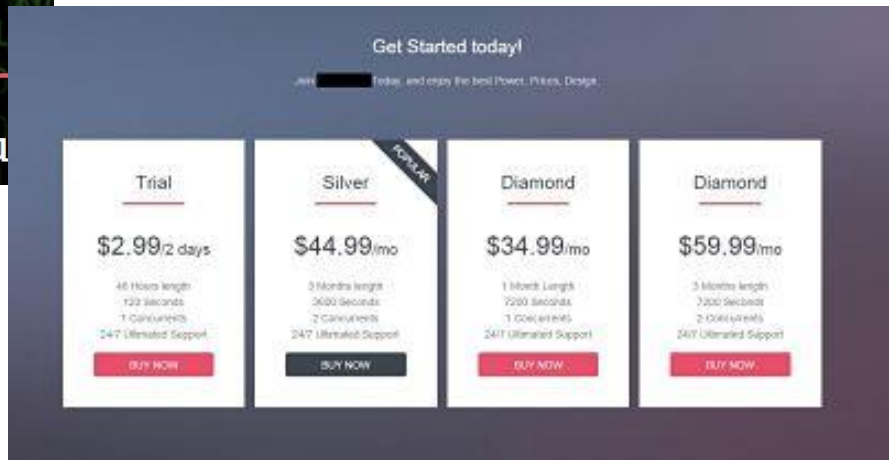
DDoS – Should I Care?

How about to hire a DDoS attack, for US$ 2.99?



DDoS – Should I Care?

Being a target of a DDoS attack is not a matter of "if" but "when" it will happen.

Do you have a formal Incident Response Plan?

DDoS – Detection and Mitigation

Whom this presentation is intended for?

Target Audience and Presentation Goals

This presentation is targeted to small an medium ISPs, mainly in the business of Last mile Internet Access;

The main goals of this presentation are: to show that it's important to have a plan to deal with DDoS and a suggestion on how to implement it.

- A real case scenario implementation will be showed;

- We'll try to fit the presentation in the 45 minutes we have.

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Background on DDoS – components and architecture and mitigation techniques;

Tools used for Detection and Mitigation in an ISP environment;

Hands On! Seeing things working;

The Cherry of the Cake – Cool Graphics and information about your network;

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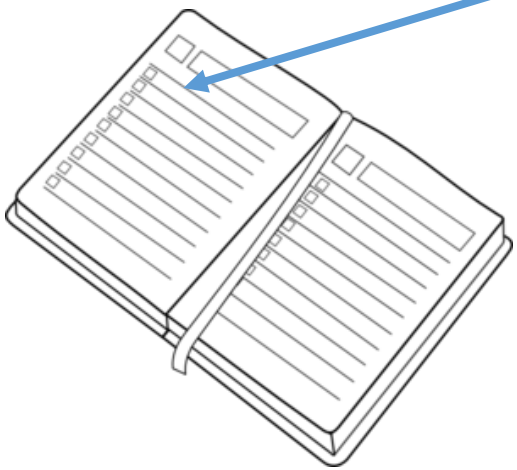

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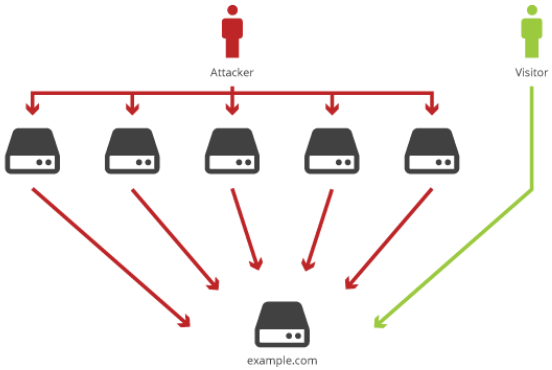
Background on DDoS
Basic concepts

Dos Types

DoS

Denial of Service Attack



DDoS

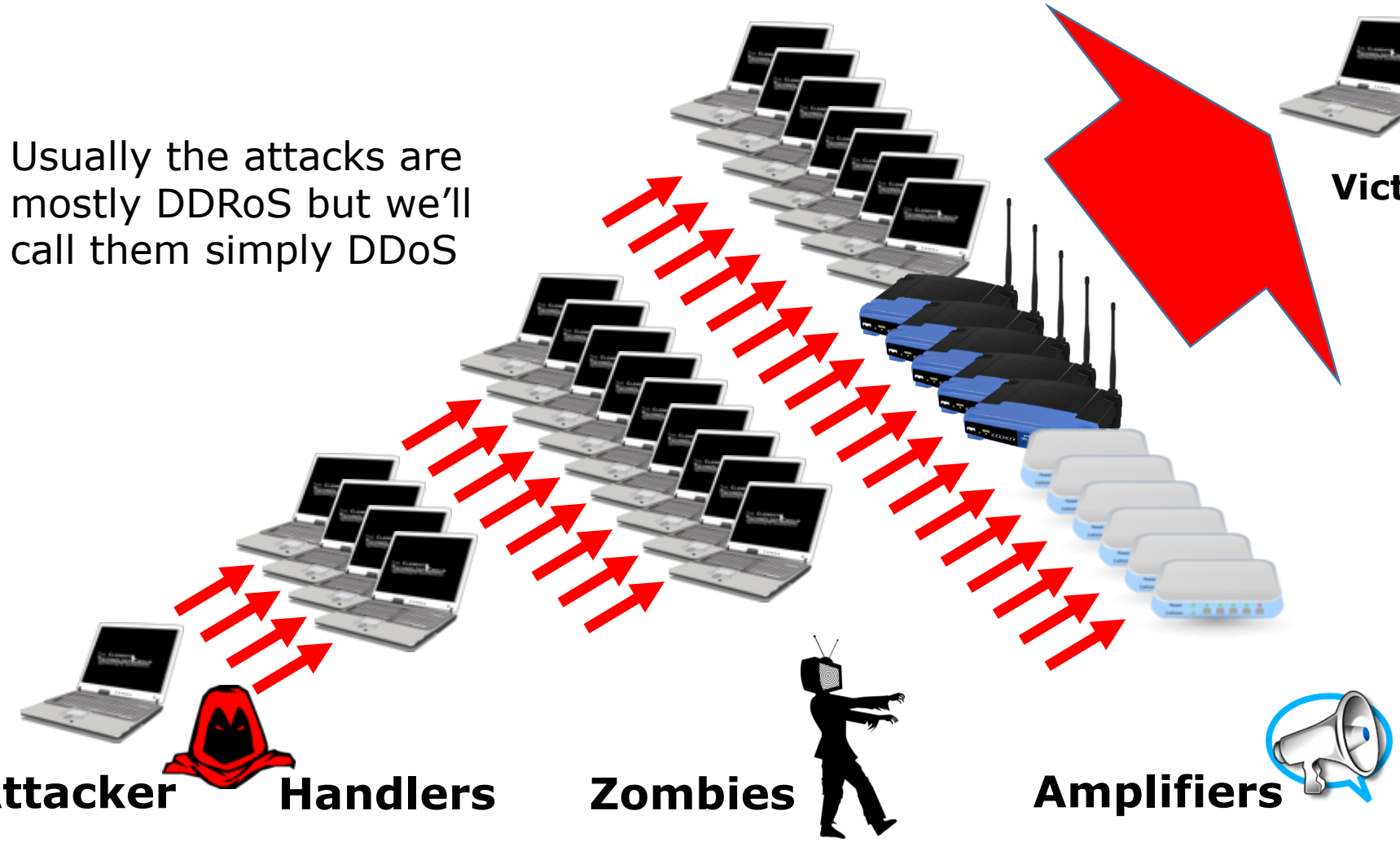
Distributed Denial of Service Attack

DRDoS

Distributed Reflected Denial of Service Attack

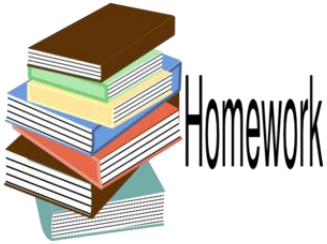
Anatomy of a DRDoS attack

Usually the attacks are mostly DDRoS but we'll call them simply DDoS



How to fight against DDoS?

Prevention



Doing our homework

→ Implement BCP-38 (RFC 2827), by firewall rules and uRPF (mostly you'll do a good job for the rest of the world);

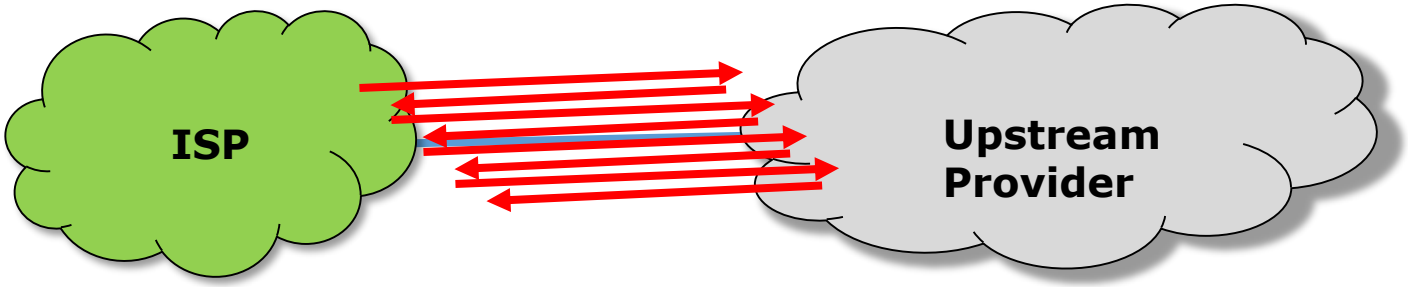
→ Find and fix the amplifiers (DNS, SSDP, NTP, SNMP, NETBIOS) on your network (Extra Slides at the end of this presentation have the commands to do it);

→ Subscribe to Team Cymru Bogons Service and automatically black-hole Bogons Prefixes

Prevention

Doing our homework

→ Ensure that all your space announced to eBGP have internal routes to your network, avoiding **static loops;**

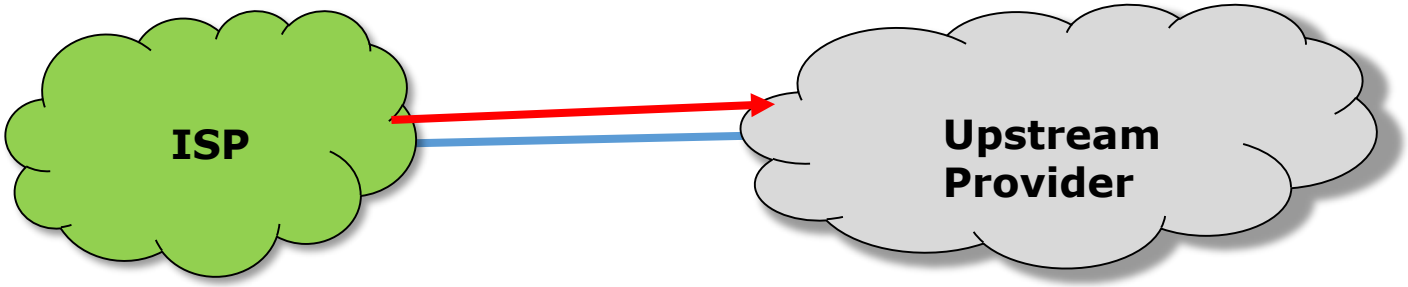


One single 64 bytes ping with TTL = 250, will generate 2 mbps of traffic ☹

Prevention

Doing our homework

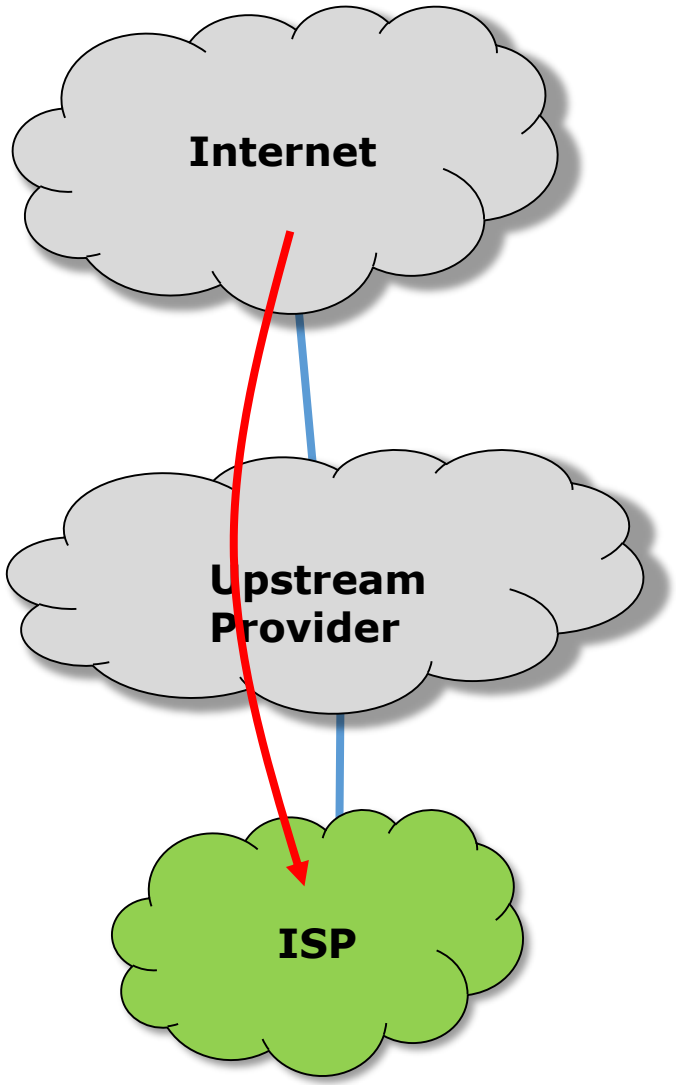
→ Reduce your exposition to DDoS announcing your unused space as black-hole (See Tom's hints for that)



NB: Depends on your Upstream Provider's policy

Mitigation Techniques

Remote Triggered Blackhole



ISP is suffering a DDoS attack targeting IP x.x.x.x/32;

Upstream provider (e.g. AS 100) provides a policy that black-hole any /32 announcement with a specific community (e.g. 100:666);

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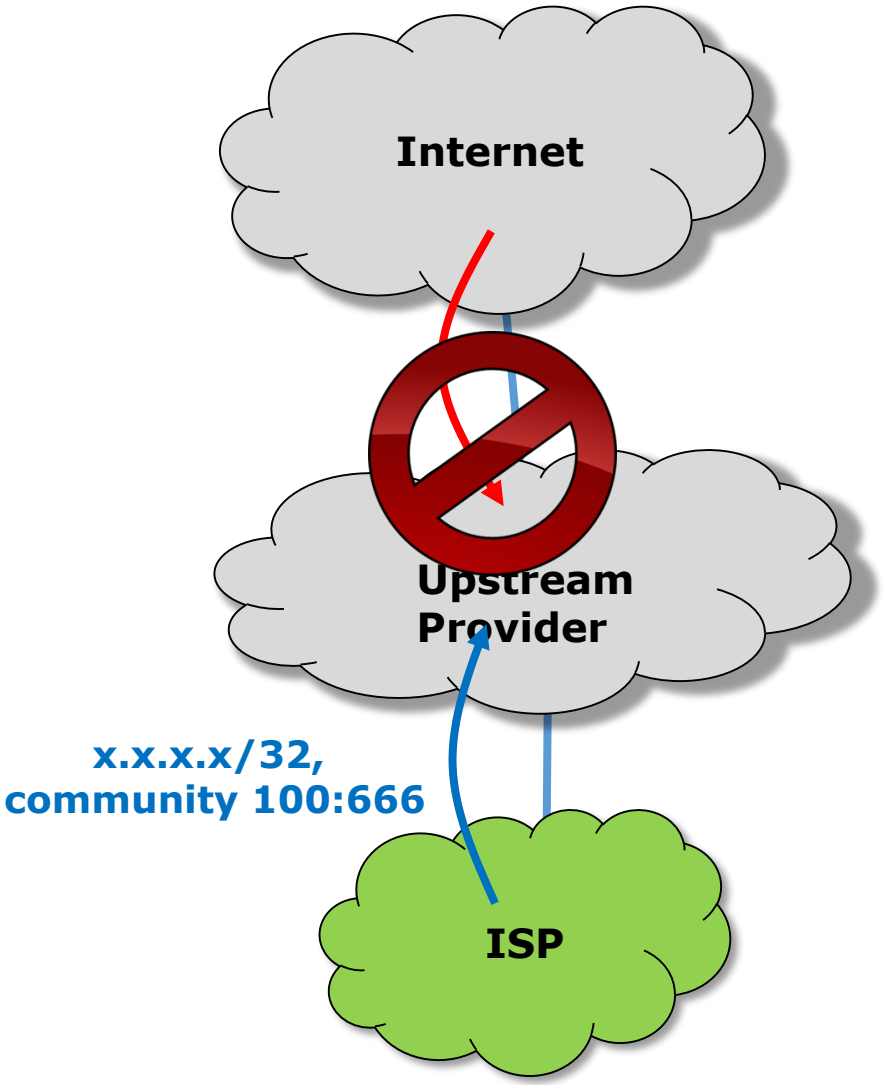


ISP announces to the Upstream provider the /32 with the community;

Upstream provider put the /32 in blackhole;

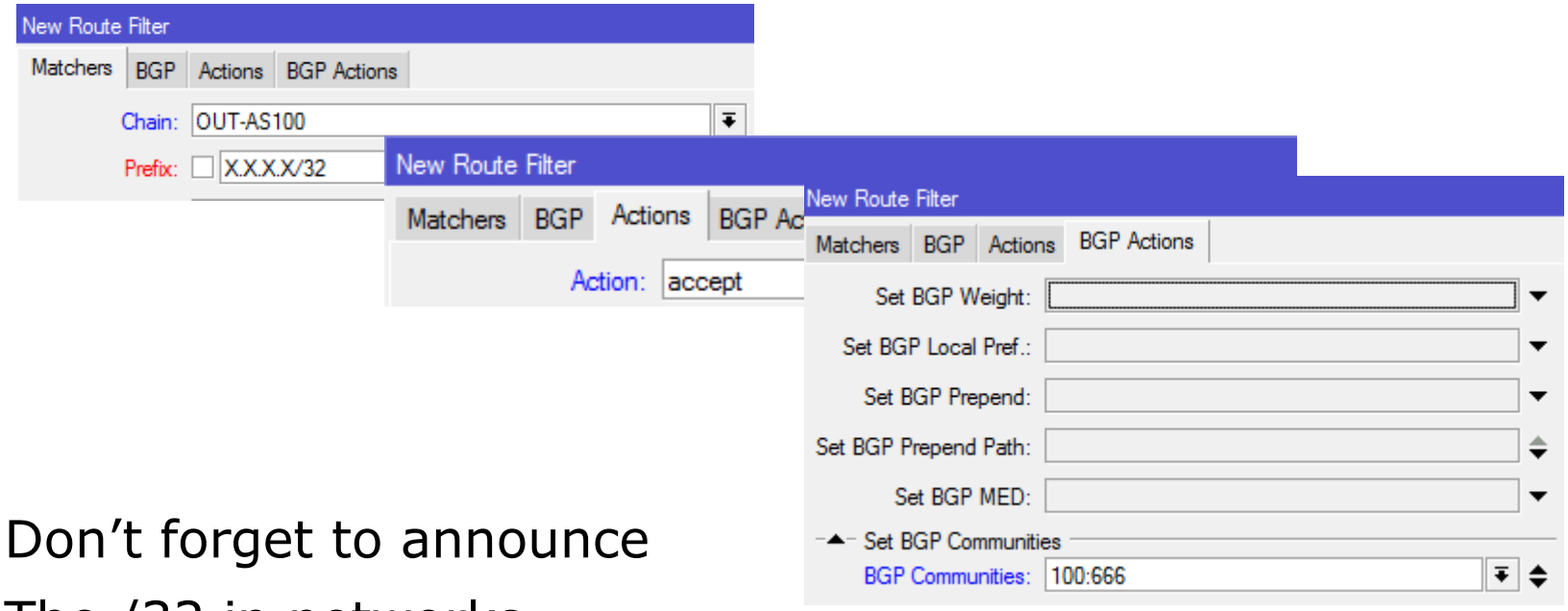
Communication with /32 is lost and channel overflow stops;

Other customer's SLA is saved, but unfortunately we can say that DDoS succeeded ☹

DDoS
Mitigation Techniques

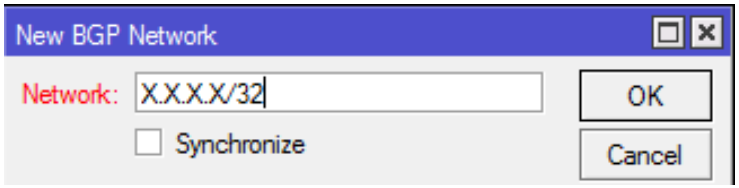
Implementation on RouterOS:

Make the filter:



Don’t forget to announce

The /32 in networks



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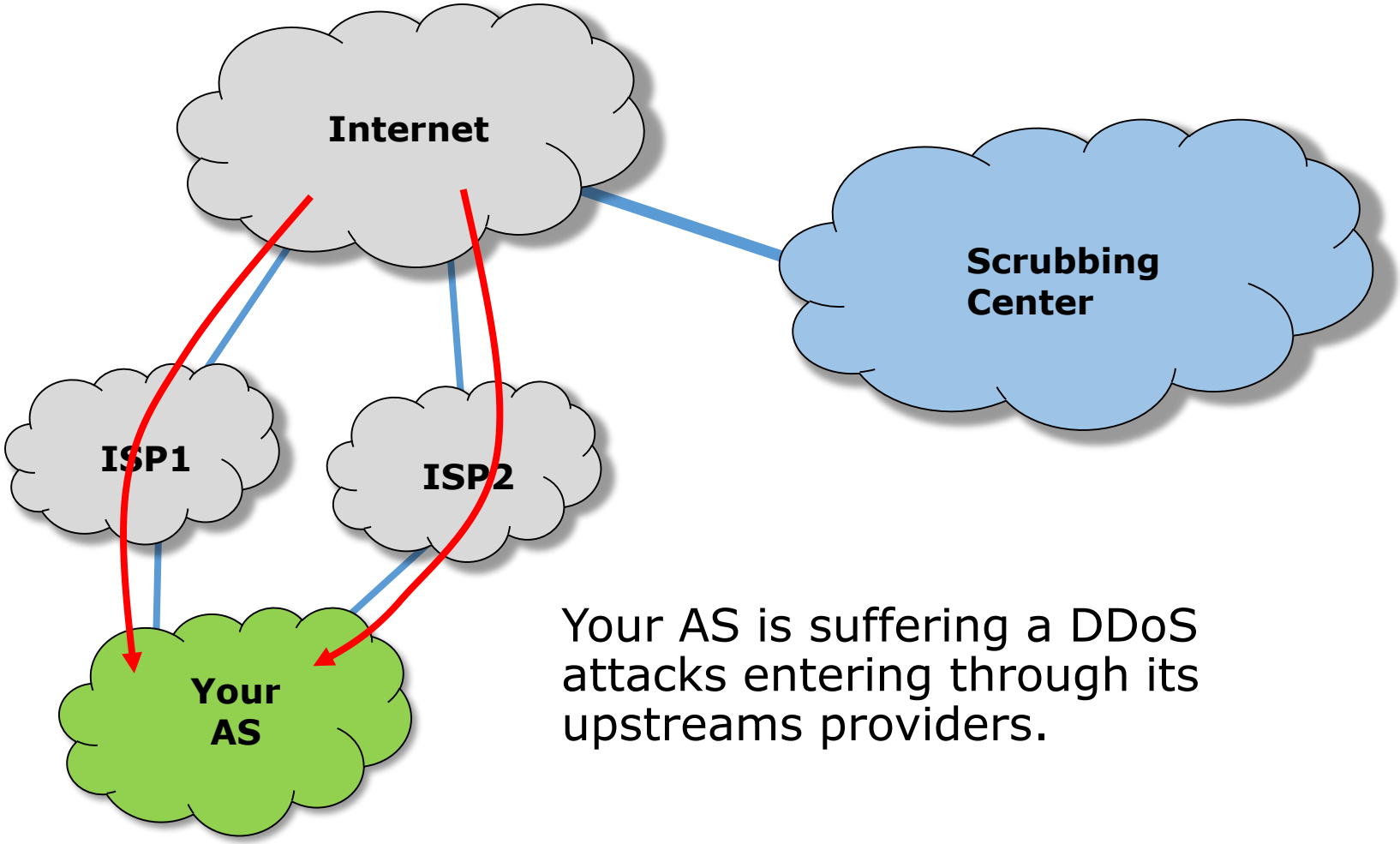

Your AS is suffering a DDoS attacks entering through its upstreams providers.

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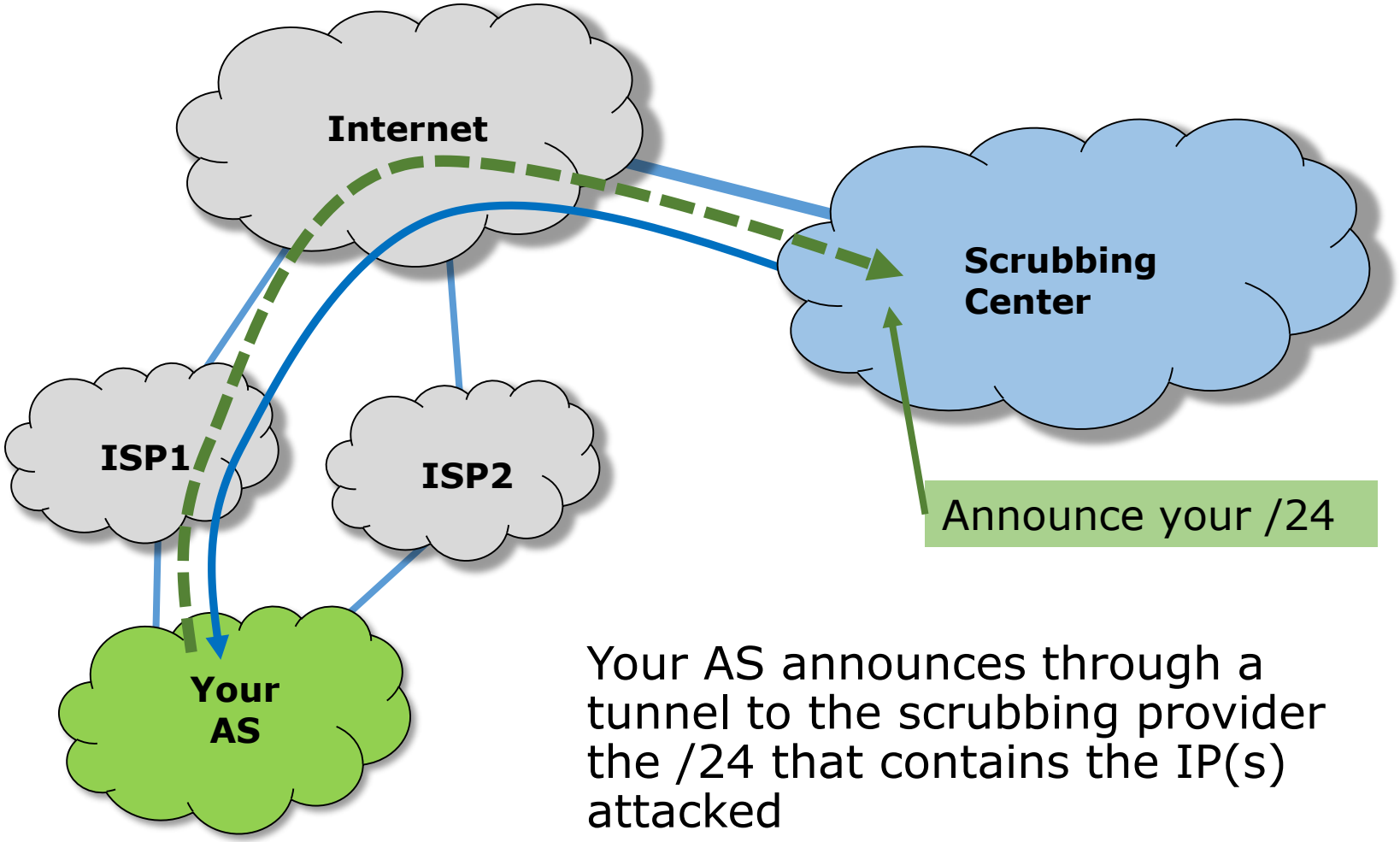

Your AS announces through a tunnel to the scrubbing provider the /24 that contains the IP(s) attacked

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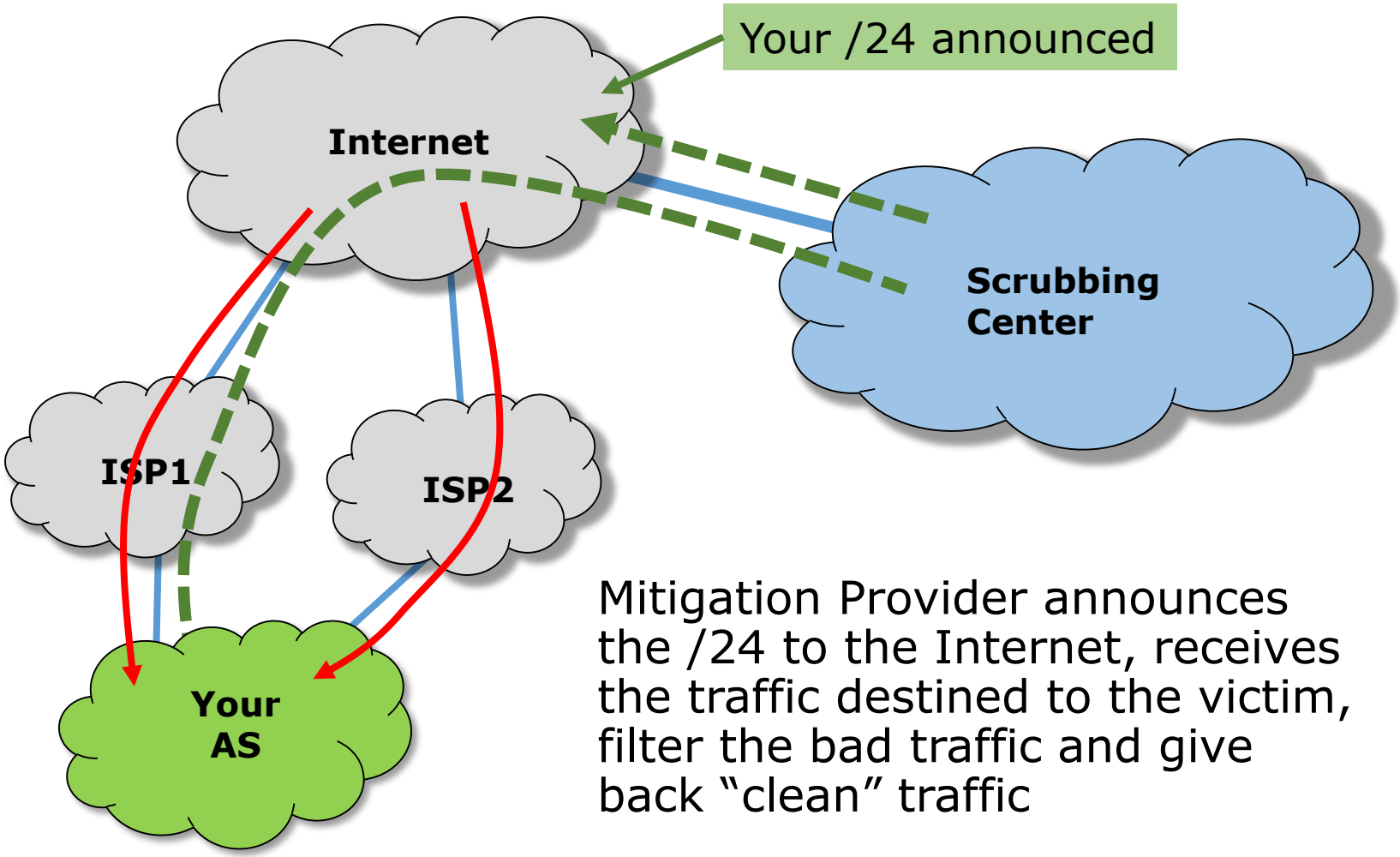

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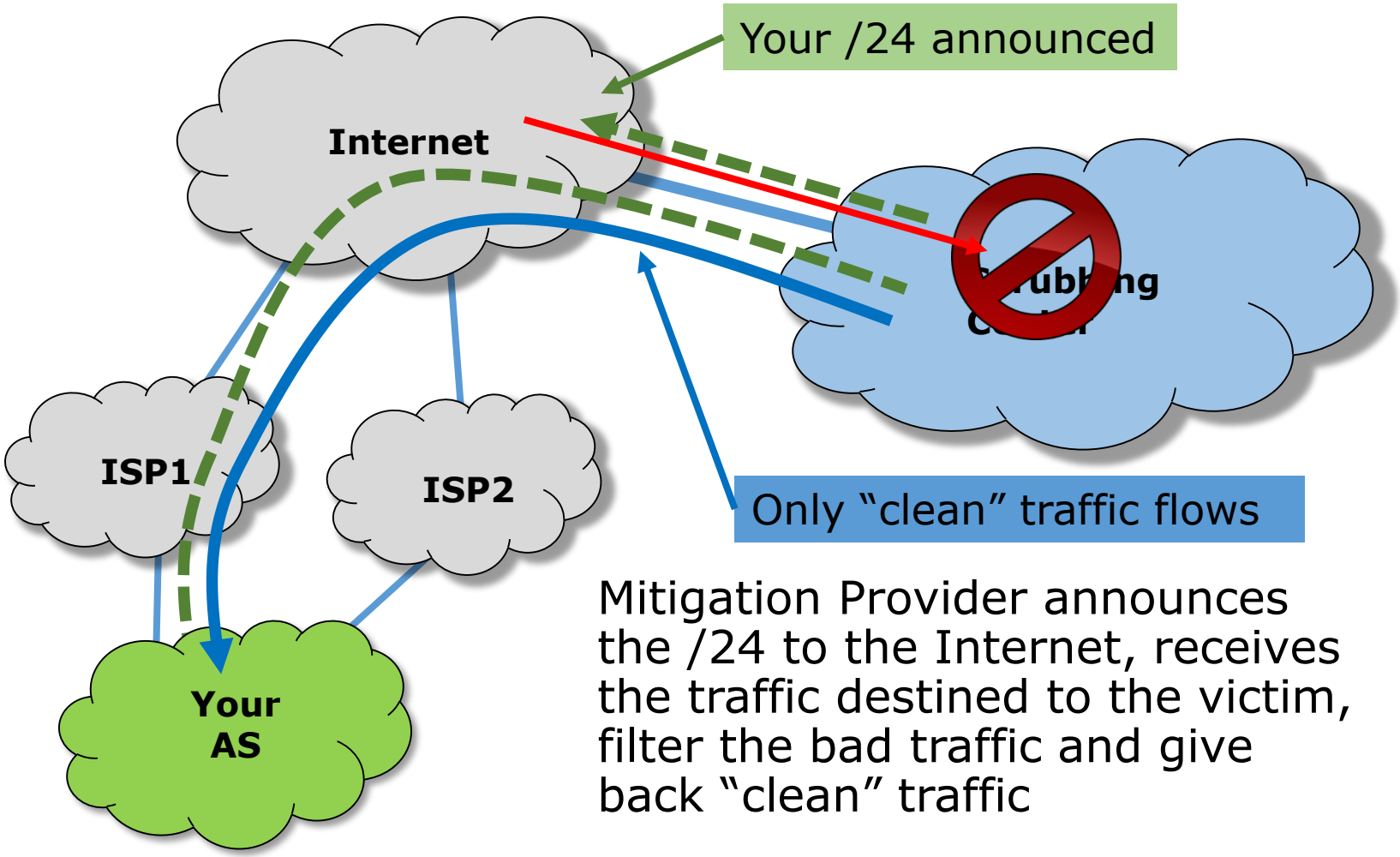

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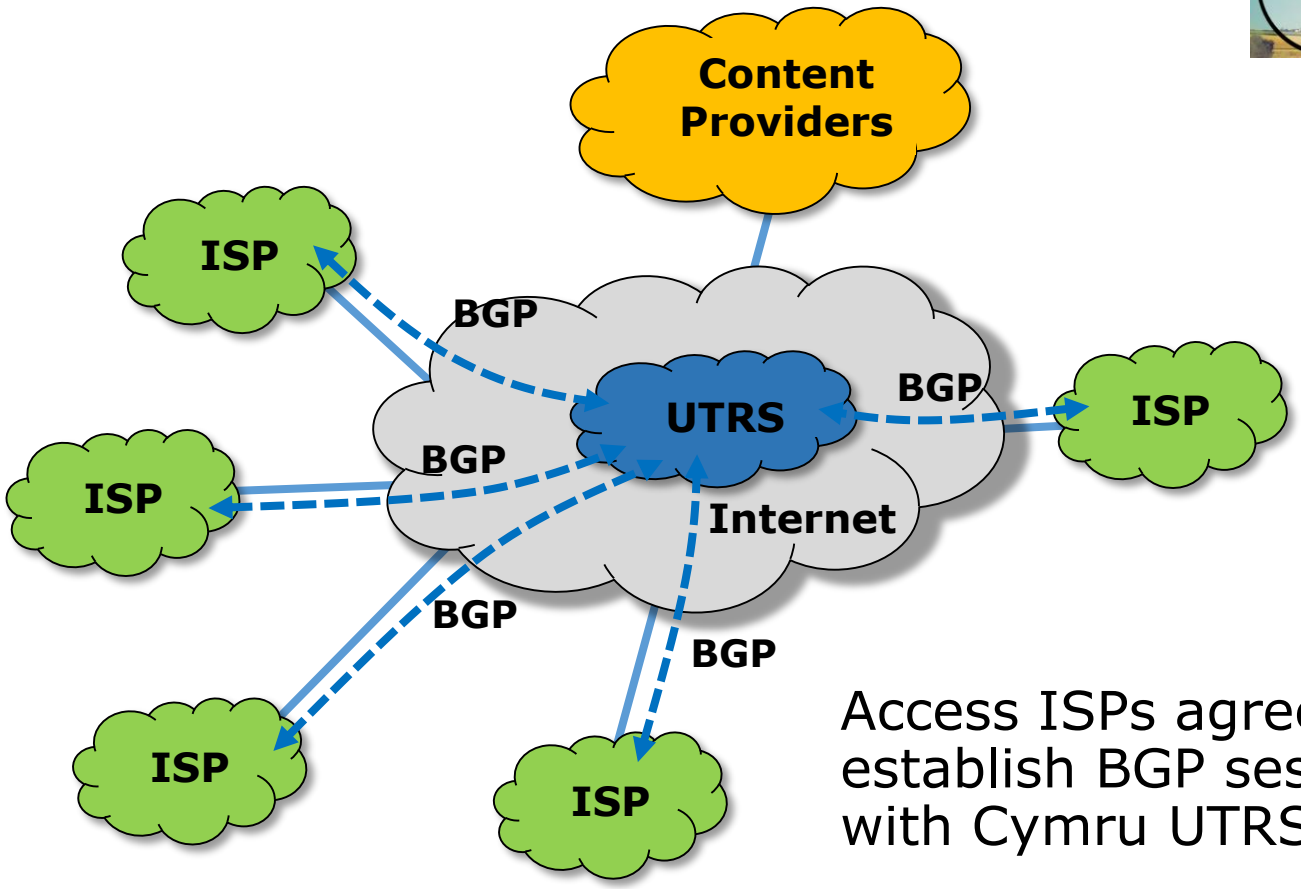
UTRS – Unwanted Traffic Removal



Access ISPs agree to establish BGP sessions with Cymru UTRS service

http://www.team-cymru.org/UTRS/

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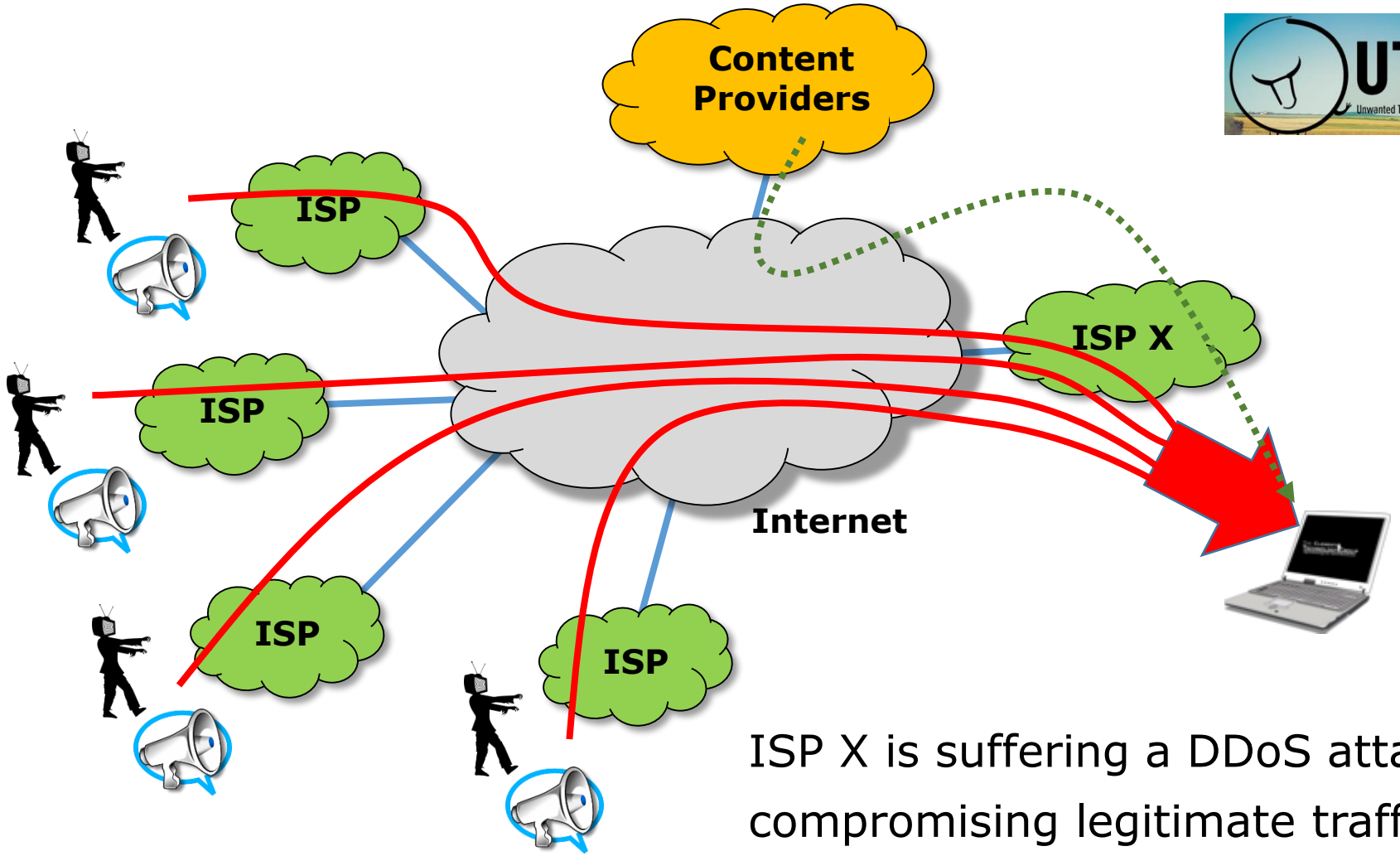

ISP X is suffering a DDoS attack compromising legitimate traffic

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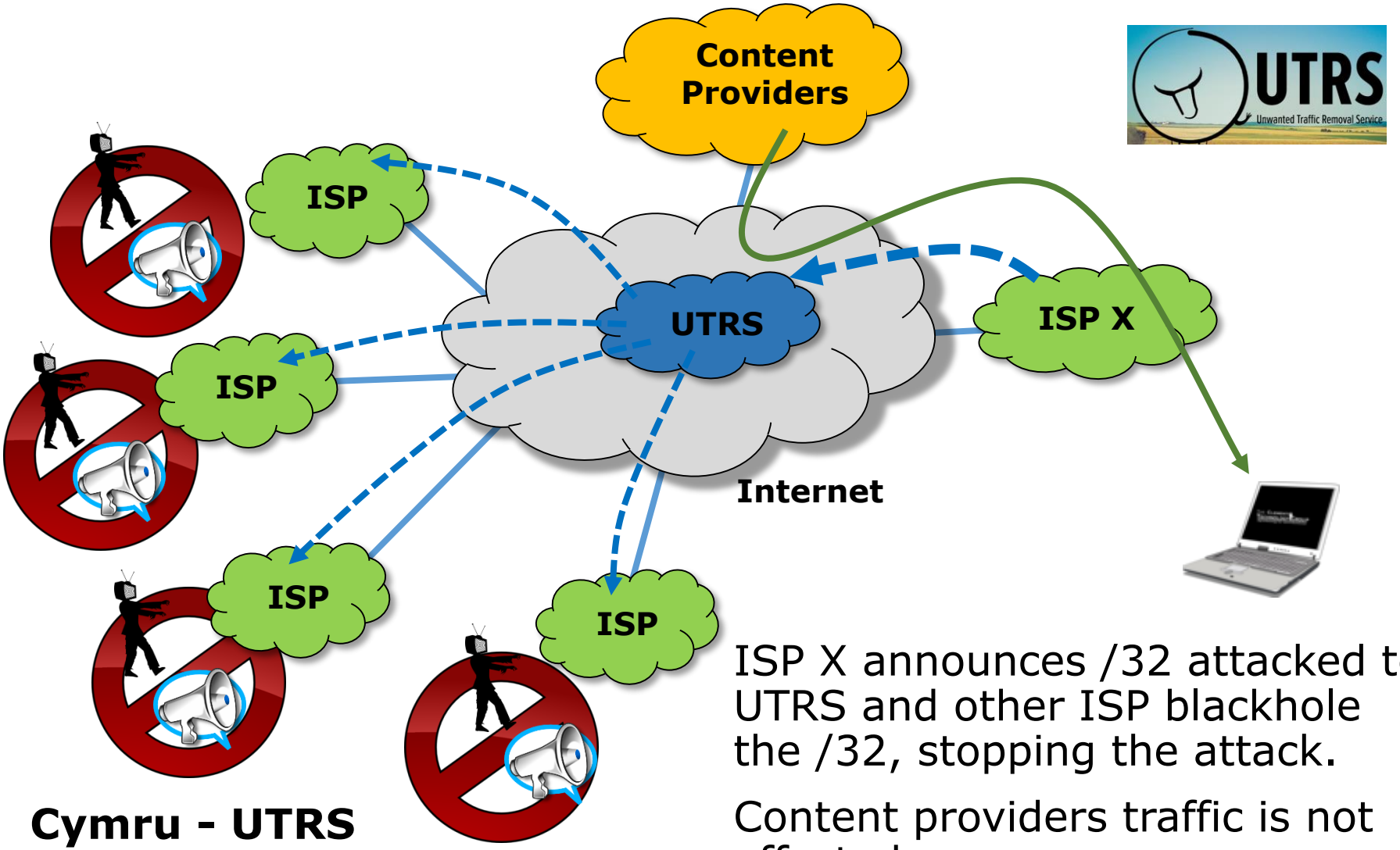

ISP X announces /32 attacked to UTRS and other ISP blackhole the /32, stopping the attack.

Content providers traffic is not affected.

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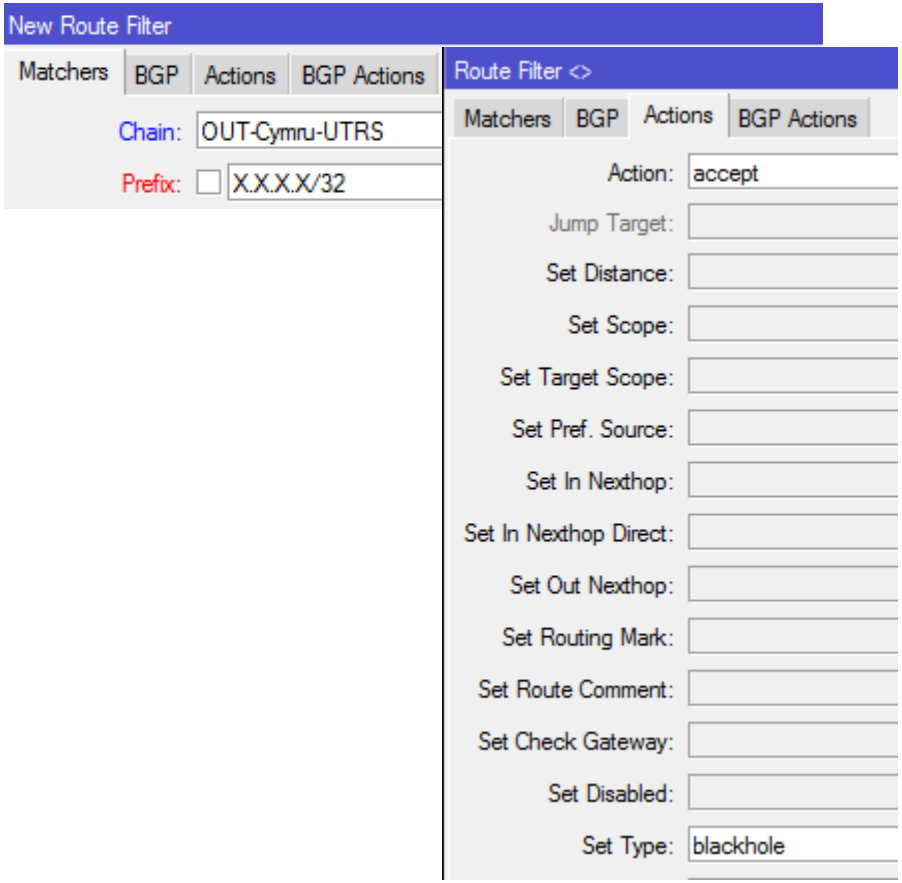
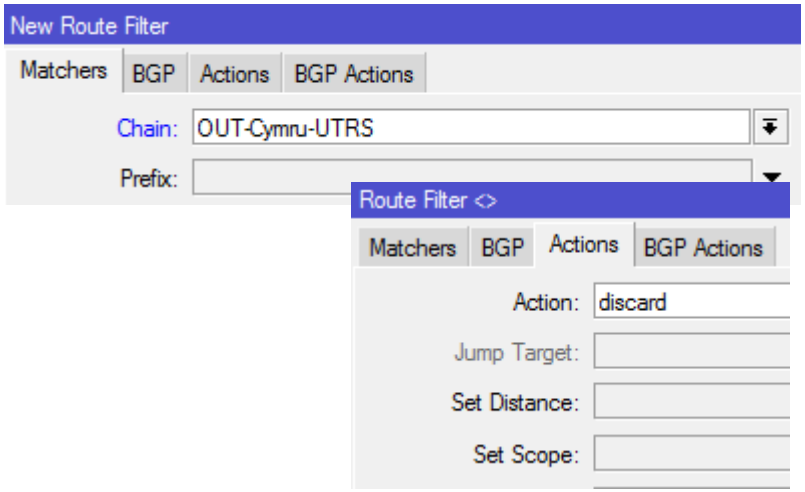
Implementation on RouterOS:

In Case you want to announce /32





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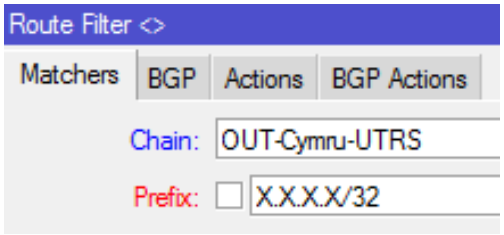
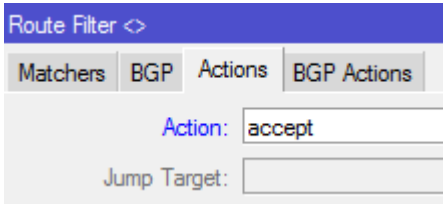
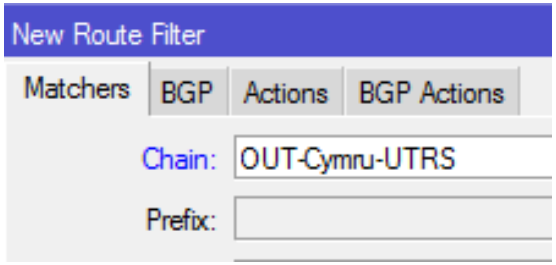
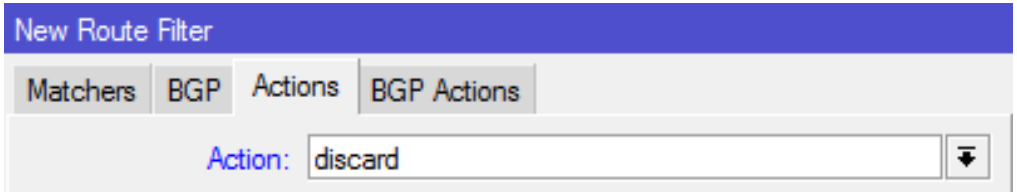
Implementation on RouterOS:

To black-hole announcements sent to UTRS









Ok, mitigation is possible, but how much time my SLA will be compromised?

From the attack to the action

All mitigation techniques will require a specific action, like blackholing to upstreams providers or changes in route announcements.

If the process is **handled by humans**, big chances are that service will be compromised for a very, very long time. People have to know what to do and have to do it fast.

Don’t forget that in some attacks the access to the router can be compromised and you don’t know even which IP is being attacked!

From the attack to the action

No chances for humans here.

Definitely, we do need an **automated** solution !

Sun Tzu – The art of war

In Peace, prepare for War…

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From the attack to the action

Our automatic solution for DDoS mitigation uses:

→ **Mikrotik Traffic Flow (Net Flow)**

and a combination of 2 open source tools:

→ **Fastnetmon**

→ **ExaBGP**

DDoS Detection with Fastnetmon

The core of our solution is Fastnetmon

A high performance DoS/DDoS load analyzer built on top of multiple packet capture engines. Supports:

- NetFlow (Traffic Flow) v5, v9;
- IPFIX;
- sFLOW v5
- Port mirror/SPAN capture with PF_RING, NETMAP and PCAP

https://github.com/pavel-odintsov/fastnetmon

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ExaBGP

BGP based SDN application

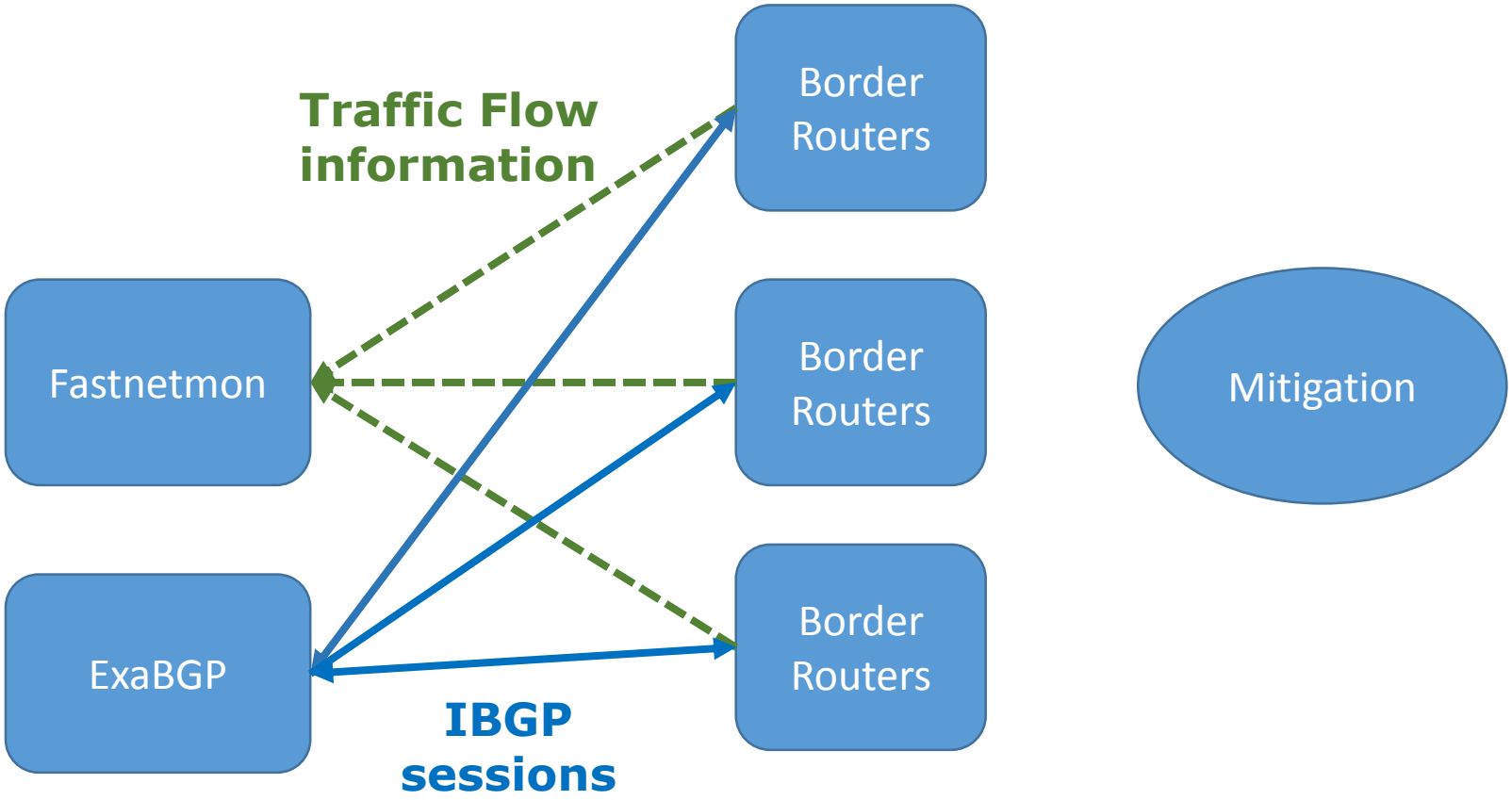
Known as the BGP “Swiss Knife”, ExaBGP can do a lot of related to the protocol usually not possible with a real BGP router.

With ExaBGP is possible to interact with routers, injecting arbitrary routes, collecting routing data, etc.

https://github.com/Exa-Networks/exabgp

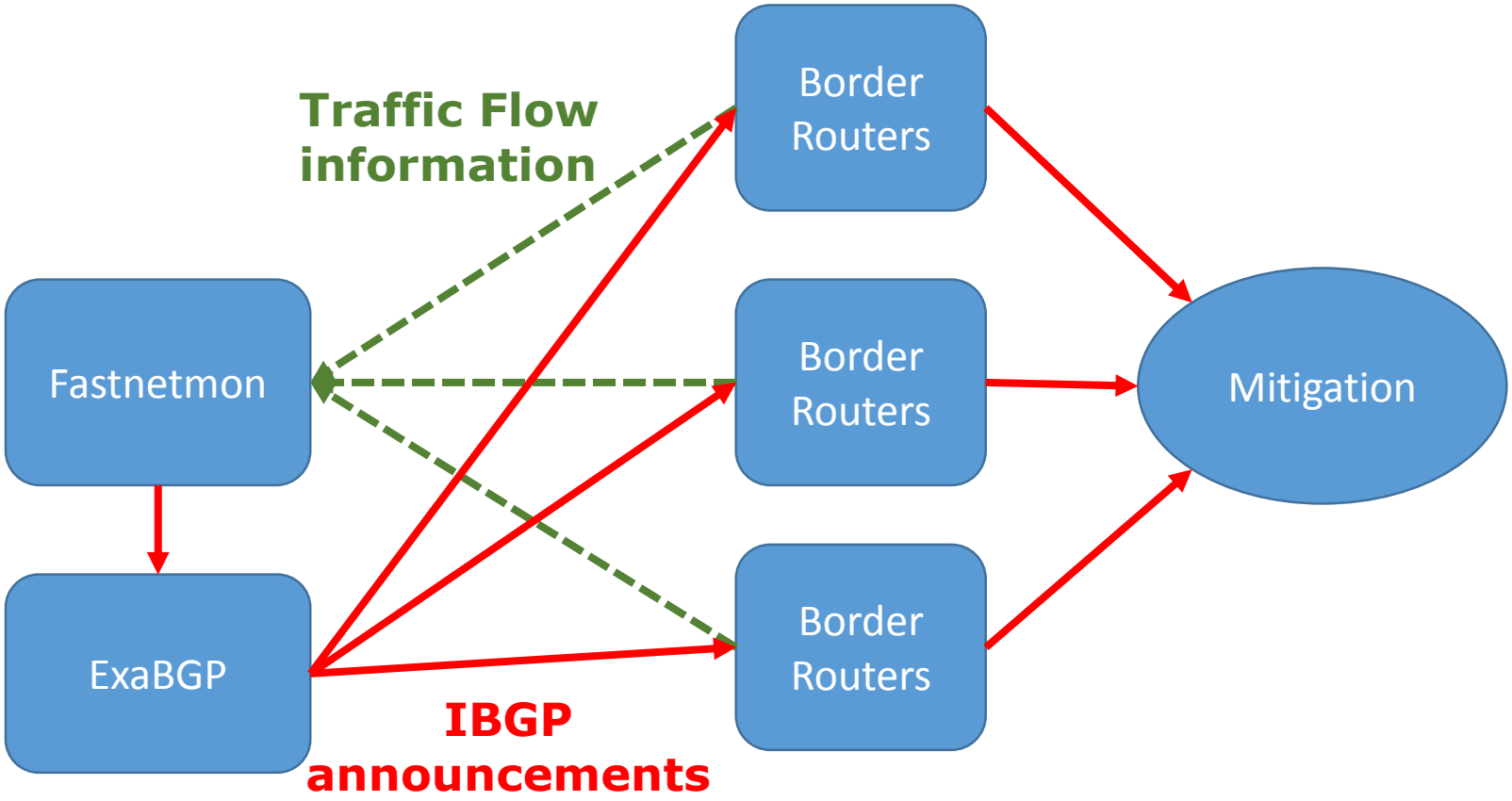
DDoS Detection and Mitigation Schema

In normal conditions Mikrotik Border Routers are sending Traffic Flow information to Fastnetmon and ExaBGP has iBGP sessions with the Border Routers.



DDoS Detection and Mitigation Schema

When a DDoS is detected, Fastnetmon triggers ExaBGP, that send iBGP routes with a specific community for blackholing. Border routers announce to mitigation solution



Traffic Flow Configuration

Traffic Flow

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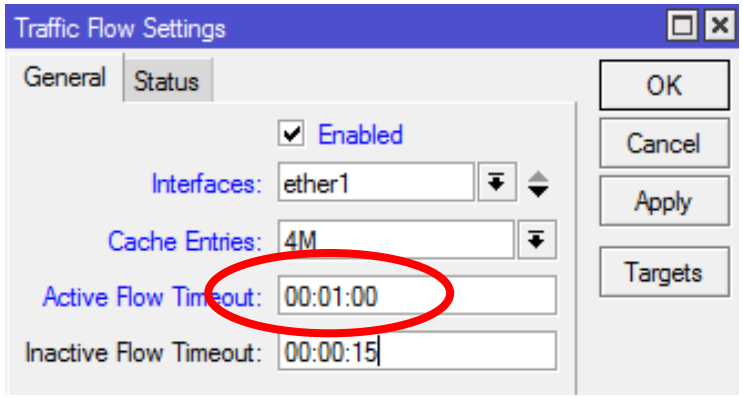
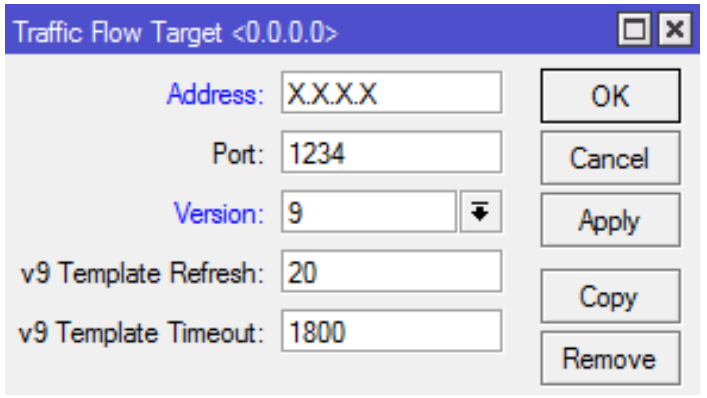
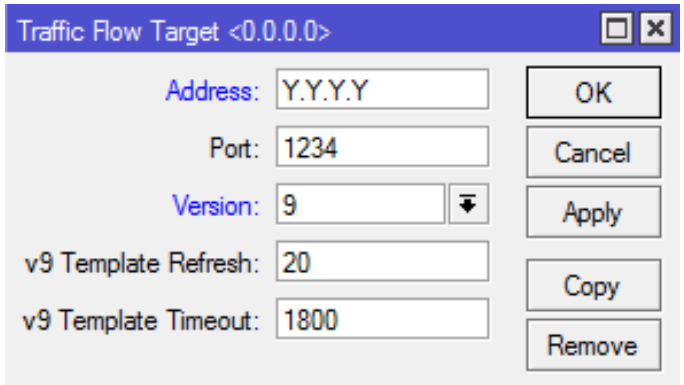




We are using 2 instances for DDoS detection, one only for notifications and one for mitigation triggering.



Fastnetmon Installation and Configuration

Fastnetmon – Installation and Configuration

Automatic Installer for Debian and CentOS

Wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/FastVPSEestiOu/fastnetmon/master/fastnetmon_install.pl

perl fastnetmon_install.pl

or

perl fastnetmon_install.pl --use git-master

Fastnetmon – Installation and Configuration

Configuration Details

The main configuration is a comprehensive text file in /etc/fastnetmon.conf

list of all your networks in CIDR format

networks_list_path = /etc/networks_list

list networks in CIDR format which will be not monitored for attacks

white_list_path = /etc/networks_whitelist

Fastnetmon – Installation and Configuration

Configuration

Netflow configuration

it's possible to specify multiple ports here, using commas as delimiter

netflow_port = 1234

netflow_host = 0.0.0.0

Adjust Port according to Mikrotik configuration. IP can be leaved as 0.0.0.0 but is better to inform the real IPs.

Fastnetmon – Installation and Configuration

Configuration – Thresholds

```
# Limits for Dos/DDoS attacks
threshold_pps = 20000
threshold_mbps = 1000
threshold_flows = 3500
```

Fastnetmon – Installation and Configuration

Integration with ExaBGP

```
# announce blocked IPs with BGP protocol with ExaBGP
exabgp = on
exabgp_command_pipe = /var/run/exabgp.cmd
exabgp_community = 65001:666
```

Turn exabgp on

Define an internal community for blackholing

ExaBGP Installation and Configuration

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ExaBGP Installation (for Debian/Ubuntu)

apt-get install python-pip

pip install exabgp

Installing the bidirectional pipe handler – socat

apt-get install socat

ExaBGP Installation and Configuration

Create a file /etc/exabgp_blackholing.conf

```
group anything {
        local-as 100;
        peer-as 100;
        router-id 1.1.1.1;
        neighbor 2.2.2.2 {
                local-address 1.1.1.1;
                }
        # process management
        process service-dynamic {
                run /usr/bin/socat stdout pipe:/var/run/exabgp.cmd;
                }
}
```

ExaBGP Installation and Configuration

Run Exabgp

env exabgp.daemon.user=root exabgp.daemon.daemonize=true exabgp.daemon.pid=/var/run/exabgp.pid exabgp.log.destination=/var/log/exabgp.log exabgp /etc/exabgp_blackholing.conf

Source:

https://github.com/pavel-odintsov/fastnetmon/blob/master/docs/EXABGP_INTEGRATION.md

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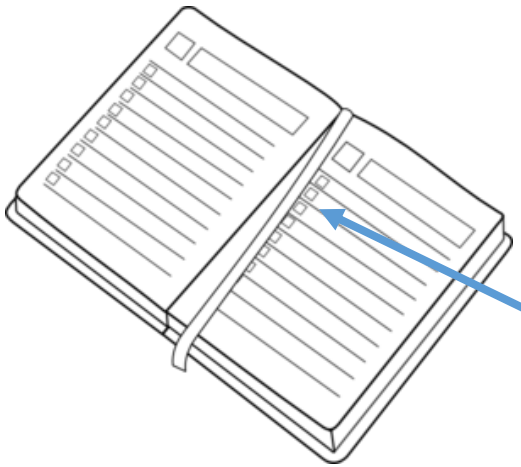

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Fastnetmon Client

/opt/fastnetmon/fastnetmon_client

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FastNetMon 1.1.3 master git-e298e77c9c72bb0f0cf063de41a0ad95e9d942de FastVPS Ees
ti OU (c) VPS and dedicated: http://FastVPS.host
IPs ordered by: packets
Incoming traffic          16851 pps     144 mbps     577 flows
[redacted]2.162             671 pps       6 mbps       0 flows
[redacted]5.59              468 pps       5 mbps       0 flows
[redacted]8.2               467 pps       5 mbps       0 flows
[redacted]7.220             332 pps       4 mbps       0 flows
[redacted]1.50              251 pps       2 mbps       0 flows
[redacted]5.4               230 pps       2 mbps       0 flows
[redacted]3.69              198 pps       2 mbps       0 flows

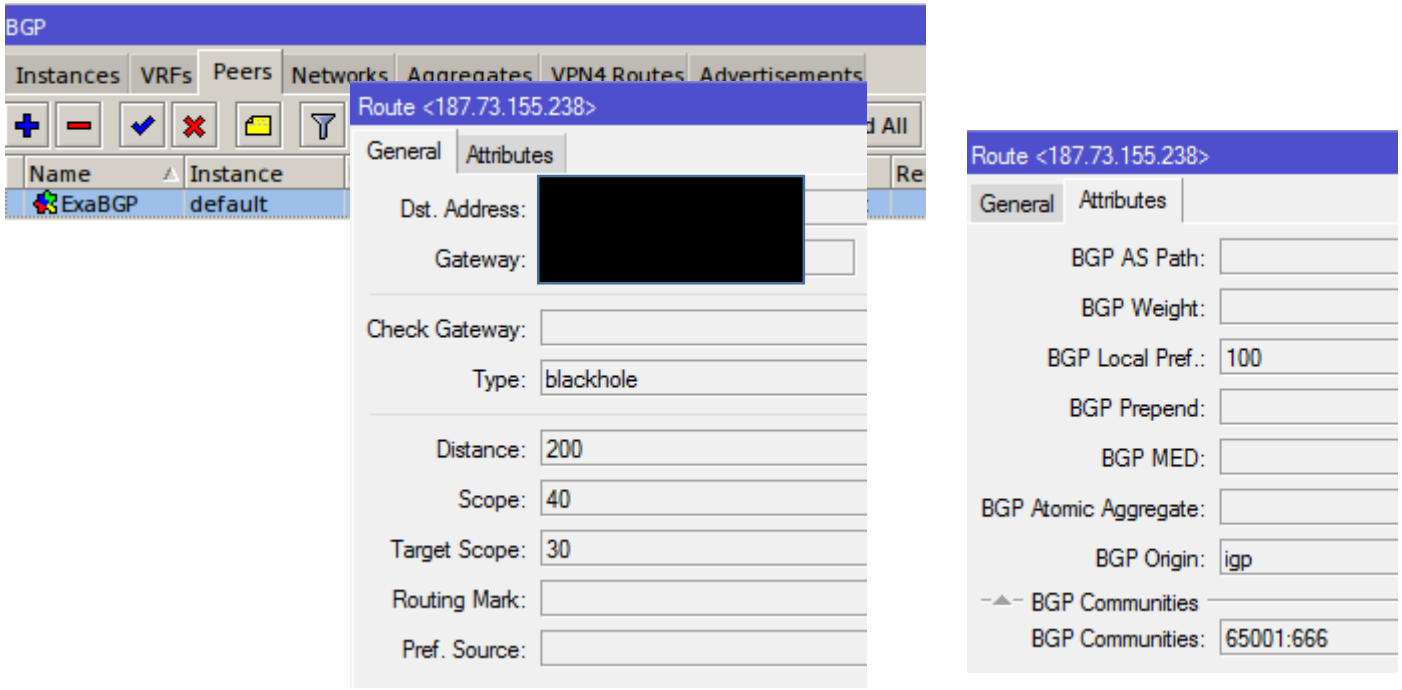
Outgoing traffic          12581 pps      23 mbps     660 flows
[redacted]2.162             348 pps       0 mbps       0 flows
[redacted]4.16              341 pps       2 mbps       0 flows
[redacted]8.2               258 pps       0 mbps       0 flows
[redacted]9.40              213 pps       0 mbps       0 flows
[redacted]7.47              206 pps       0 mbps       0 flows
[redacted]1.50              197 pps       0 mbps       0 flows
[redacted]7.220             187 pps       0 mbps       0 flows

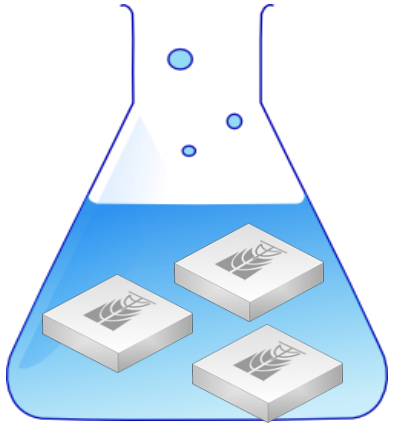
Internal traffic              0 pps       0 mbps

Other traffic               203 pps       0 mbps
```

Fastnetmon Client

/opt/fastnetmon/fastnetmon_client

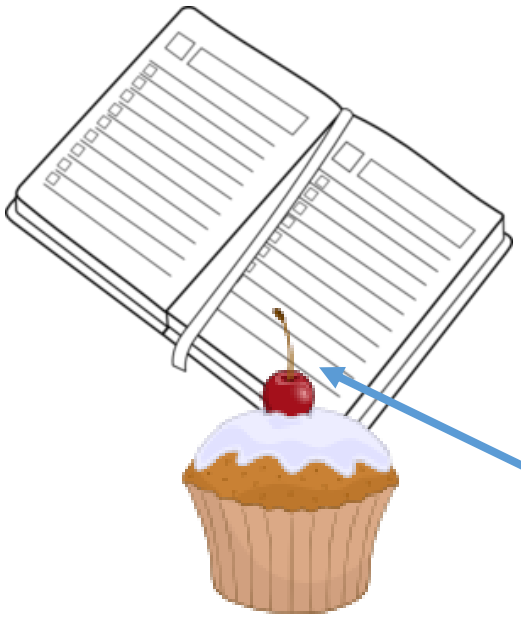




Pause for Hands ON

Let’s see things working

Agenda



Background on DDoS – components and architecture and mitigation techniques;

Tools used for Detection and Mitigation in an ISP environment;

Hands On! Seeing things working;

The Cherry of the Cake – Cool Graphics and information about your network;

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DDoS Detection with Fastnetmon

With the installation of Fastnetmon and other tools we can improve our implementation in order to have more information and control of our network.

For that purpose, besides **Fastnetmon** we will need some other tools:

InfluxDB + Grafana

https://github.com/FastVPSEestiOu/fastnetmon/blob/master/docs/INFLUXDB_INTEGRATION.md

Many thanks to my friend **Vicente de Luca**, from Zendesk who helped us a lot with the implementation.

DDoS Detection with Fastnetmon

InfluxDB is an open source distributed time series database with no external dependencies. It's useful for recording metrics, events, and performing analytics.

https://github.com/influxdata/influxdb

Installation for Debian/Ubuntu

wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/influxdb/influxdb_0.10.1-1_amd64.deb

sudo dpkg -i influxdb_0.10.1-1_amd64.deb

DDoS Detection with Fastnetmon

Grafana is an open source, feature rich metrics dashboard and graph editor for Graphite, Elasticsearch, OpenTSDB, Prometheus and InfluxDB

https://github.com/grafana/grafana

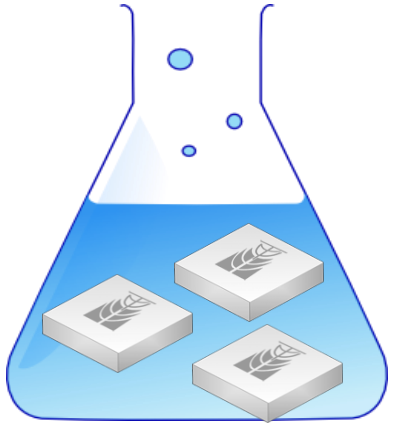
Installation for Debian/Ubuntu

wget https://grafanarel.s3.amazonaws.com/builds/grafana_2.6.0_amd64.deb

sudo dpkg -i grafana_2.6.0_amd64.deb

DDoS Detection with Fastnetmon

This is a typical dashboard you can do with grafana



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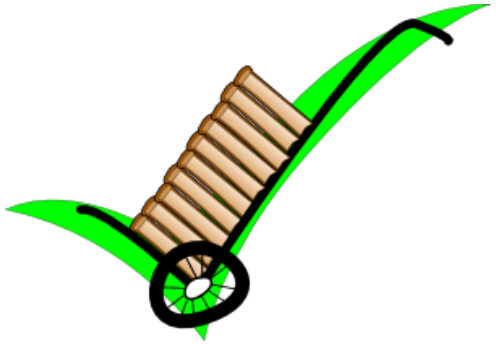

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https://github.com/grafana/grafana

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Extra Slides

Background on DDoS
How to find amplifiers

DNS:

dig @x.x.x.x +edns +ignore com ANY

NTP:

ntpdc –nc monlist x.x.x.x

SNMP:

snmpbulkget -v2c -c public x.x.x.x 1.3

NetBios

nmblookup –A x.x.x.x

x.x.x.x = IP address

SSDP

send UDP packet with destination port 1900 and the following payload:

SSDP

M-SEARCH * HTTP/1.1 \r\n

Host: x.x.x.x:1900 \r\n

Man: "ssdp:discover" \r\n

MX: 3 \r\n

ST: ssdp:all \r\n

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You can also use this script below:

https://gist.github.com/provegard/1435555

Installing and running Fastnetmon

Installing 1/3

```
root@fastnetmon:~# perl fastnetmon_install.pl --use-git-master
Hello, my dear Customer!

We need about ten minutes of your time for installing FastNetMon toolkit
You could make coffee/tee or you will help project and fill this short survey:
 http://bit.ly/fastnetmon_survey
I would be very glad if you spent this time and shared your DDoS experience :)

We detected your OS as debian Linux 8.3

Please provide your email address at company domain for free tool activation.
We will not share your email with any third party companies.
Email: maia@mdbrasil.com.br
```

Installing and running Fastnetmon

Installing 2/3

```
You have really nice server with 4 CPU's and we will use they all for build process :)
Update package manager cache
Install PF_RING dependencies with package manager
Download PF_RING 6.0.3 sources
Unpack PF_RING
Build PF_RING kernel module
Unload PF_RING if it was installed earlier
Load PF_RING module into kernel
PF_RING loaded correctly
Build PF_RING lib
Create library symlink
Add pf_ring to ld.so.conf
Install json library
Download archive
Uncompress it
Build it
Install it
Download nDPI
Configure nDPI
Build and install nDPI
Add ndpi to ld.so.conf
Download Luajit
Unpack Luajit
Build and install Luajit
```

Installing and running Fastnetmon

Installing 3/3

```
Install fastnetmon to dir /opt/fastnetmon
Create stub configuration file
Select eth0 as active interfaces
Tune config
If you have any issues, please check /var/log/fastnetmon.log file contents
Please add your subnets in /etc/networks_list in CIDR format one subnet per line
We found systemd enabled distro and created service: fastnetmon.service
You could run it with command: systemctl start fastnetmon.service
We have built project in 6.75 minutes
root@fastnetmon:~#
```

Background on DDoS Categories

Volumetric - Flood-based attacks that can be at layer 3, 4, or 7.

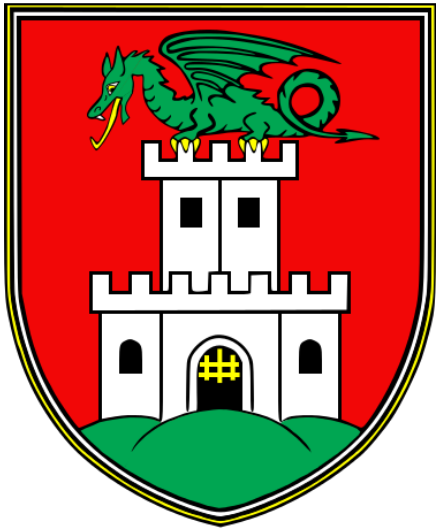
Asymmetric - Attacks designed to invoke timeouts or session-state changes.

Computational - Attacks designed to consume CPU and memory.

Vulnerability-based - Attacks that exploit software vulnerabilities.

https://f5.com/solutions/enterprise/reference-architectures/ddos-protection

Hvala!



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