Three Generations of DoS Attacks (with Audience Participation, as Victims)

Defcon, 2011

Bio



Summary

- The DoS Circus
- Layer 4 DDoS: Thousands of attackers bring down one site
- Layer 7 DoS: One attacker brings down one site
- Link-Local DoS: IPv6 RA Attack: One attacker brings down a whole network

The DoS Circus

Characters

Wikileaks

 Published <1000 US Gov't diplomatic cables from a leak of 250,000



- Distributed an encrypted "Insurance" file by BitTorrent
 - Widely assumed to contain the complete, uncensored leaked data
 - Encrypted with AES-256--no one is ever getting in there without the key
 - Key to be released if Assange is jailed or killed, but he is in UK now resisting extradition to Sweden and the key has not been released

Anonymous



Operation Payback

WE ARE ANONYMOUS

- 4chan's Anonymous group
 - Attacked Scientology websites in 2008
 - Attacked the RIAA and other copyright defenders
 - Using the Low Orbit Ion Cannon with HiveMind (DDoS)
 - "Opt-in Botnet"

HB Gary Federal

- Aaron Barr
 - Developed a questionable way to track people down online
 - By correlating Twitter, Facebook, and other postings
 - Announced in Financial
 Times that he had located
 the "leaders" of
 Anonymous and would
 reveal them in a few days



Anonymous speaks: the inside story of the HBGary hack

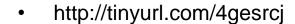
By Peter Bright | Last updated 20 days ago



It has been an embarrassing week for security firm HBGary and its HBGary Federal offshoot. HBGary Federal CEO Aaron Barr thought he had unmasked the hacker hordes of Anonymous and was preparing to name and shame those responsible for co-ordinating the group's actions, including the denial-of-service attacks that hit MasterCard, Visa, and other perceived enemies of WikiLeaks late last year.

Social Engineering & SQLi

From: Greg To: Jussi Subject: need to ssh into rootkit im in europe and need to ssh into the server. can you drop open up firewall and allow ssh through port 59022 or something vague? and is our root password still 88j4bb3rw0cky88 or did we change to 88Scr3am3r88 ? thanks From: Jussi To: Greq Subject: Re: need to ssh into rootkit hi, do you have public ip? or should i just drop fw? and it is w0cky - tho no remote root access allowed From: Greg To: Jussi Subject: Re: need to ssh into rootkit no i dont have the public ip with me at the moment because im ready for a small meeting and im in a rush. if anything just reset my password to changemel23 and give me public ip and ill ssh in and reset my pw.





Leaked HB Gary Emails

- For Bank of America
 - Discredit Wikileaks
 - Intimidate Journalist Glenn Greenwald
- For the Chamber of Commerce
 - Discredit the watchdog group US Chamber Watch
 - Using fake social media accounts
- For the US Air Force
- Spread propaganda with fake accounts
- http://tinyurl.com/4anofw8



Drupal Exploit

Anonymous Takes Down U.S. Chamber Of Commerce And Supporter Websites

POSTED BY ARMTHEHOMELESS · 05/27/2011 · 5 COMMENTS

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Last Monday, the online activist group Anonymous launched a DDOS attack on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce website in retaliation against the PROTECT IP Bill, which will give the U.S. federal government the sweeping power of forcing ISPs and search engines to block websites they believe to be infringing on copyright and intellectual property laws. Many are saying, compared to their previous attacks on Mastercard, Visa, and HBGary Federal, that the campaign on Monday was a failure. However, Anonymous is back and doing some damage.

Late Thursday evening, the collective identified and used exploits on the site to take down the main page of the U.S. CoC and their web-based mail service. They used a Drupal exploit to gain access to the site's content manager.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce wasn't the only website targeted. Several Senator and organization websites were also taken offline from 6PM – 10PM EST via DOS. Senators targeted include Chuck Grassley, Lindsey Graham, and organizations such as the National Association of Theater Owners; all of which had shown their support for the Protect IP Bill.

Th3j35t3r

- "Hacktivist for Good"
- Claims to be ex-military
- Originally performed DoS attacks on Jihadist sites
 - Bringing them down for brief periods, such as 30 minutes
 - Announces his attacks on Twitter, discusses them on a blog and live on irc.2600.net



Jester's Tweets from Dec 2010



th3j35t3r Jester

www.almedad.net - TANGO DOWN. Temporarily. For the online radicalization of young muslims in US and Europe.

12 Dec



th3j35t3r Jester

www.ansar1.info - TANGO DOWN. Temporarily. For online incitement to cause young muslims to carry out acts of violent jihad.

12 Dec

Th3j35t3r v. Wikileaks



- He brought down Wikileaks single-handed for more than a day
 - I was chatting with him in IRC while he did it, and he proved it was him by briefly pausing the attack

Wikileaks Outage





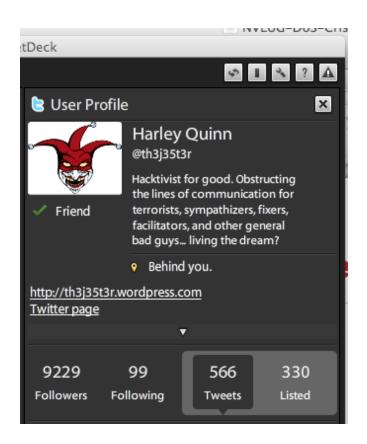
One attacker, no botnet

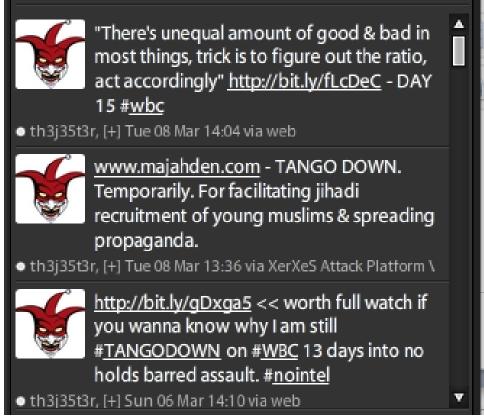
Th3j35t3r

- After his Wikileaks attackHe battled Anonymous
 - He claims to have trojaned a tool the Anons downloaded
 - He claims to pwn Anon insiders now

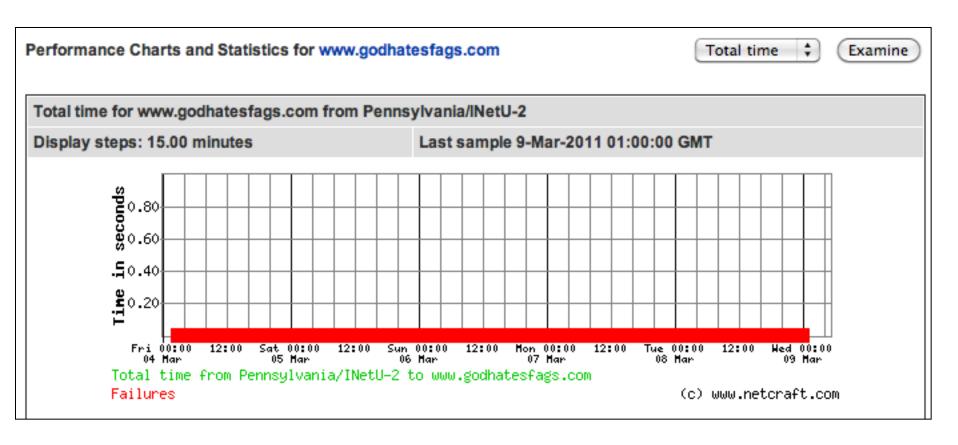


Jester's Tweets





Westboro Baptist Outage



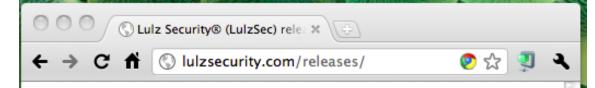
- 4 sites held down for 8 weeks
- From a single 3G cell phone
 - http://tinyurl.com/4vggluu



LulzSec

- The skilled group of Anons who hacked H B Gary Federal
- Hacked
 - US Senate
 - Pron.com
 - Sony
 - FBI
 - PBS
 - Fox News





Releases

13/06/11

- Senate.gov internal data | http
- Bethesda internal data press release | http | torrent
- Bethesda internal data | http | torrent

10/06/11

Pron.com user database | http

06/06/11

- Sownage[™] 2 press release | http | torrent
- Scedev.net source code | http | torrent
- Sony BMG internal network maps | http | torrent

03/06/11

- Fuck FBI Friday™ press release | http | torrent
- Infragard Atlanta users database | http | torrent
- Karim dox | http | torrent
- Karim IRC log | http | torrent
- Karim emails | torrent
- Nintendo.com webserver configuration | http
- Unveillance secret conference | http

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LulzSec Attacks on Government Sites

- FBI, CIA, US Senate
- UK's National Health Service
- SOCA, the UK's Serious Organised Crime Agency taken down 6-20-2011





Essex geek, 19, arrested for being 'global cyber-villain











again



Two Factor Authentication

- First factor: what user knows
- Second factor: what user has
 - Password token
 - USB key
 - Digital certificate
 - Smart card
- Without the second factor, user cannot log in
 - Defeats password guessing / cracking





D SD600 RSA SecurID SID700





RSA SecurID SD200





BlackBerry with RSA SecurID software token

RSA was Hacked, and their Customers Too

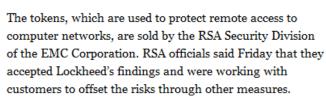


its network two weeks ago partly by using data stolen from a vendor that supplies coded security tokens to tens of millions of computer users.



Harry Sverdlove, of Bit9, said RSA might need to reprogram many of its security tokens.

Lockheed's finding confirmed the fears of security experts about the safety of the SecurID tokens and heightened concerns that other companies or government agencies could be vulnerable to hacking attacks.



TWITTER

☐ PRINT

REPRINTS

Snow Flower

WATCH THE TRAILER

+ SHARE

SIGN IN TO E-

RSA disclosed in March that <u>hackers had stolen data</u> that could compromise a company's SecurID system in a broader attack, and the breach of Lockheed, the nation's largest defense contractor, is the first time that is known to

have occurred.

http://samsclass.info/RSA-alternatives.html



FOR TEH LULZ

The only reason anyone does anything

Layer 4 DDoS

Many Attackers – One Target Bandwidth Consumption

Companies that Refused Service to Wikileaks

- Amazon
- Paypal
- Mastercard
- Visa
- Many others

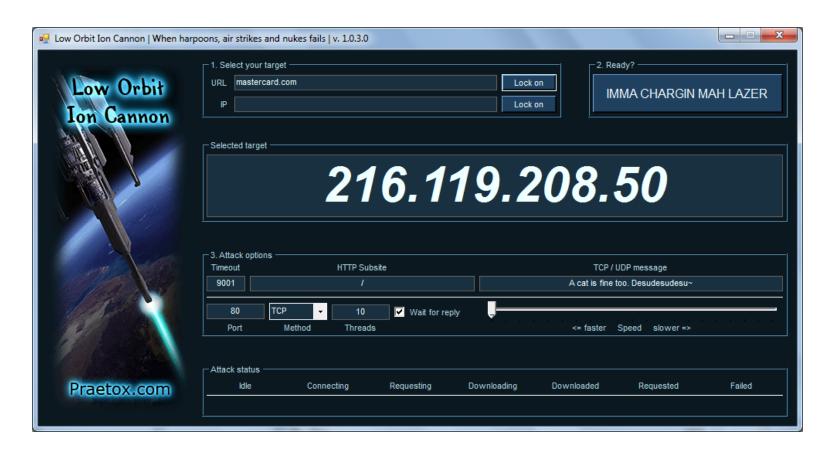
Low Orbit Ion Cannon



- Primitive DDoS Attack, controlled via IRC
- Sends thousands of packets per second from the attacker directly to the target
- Like throwing a brick through a window
- Takes thousands of participants to bring down a large site
 - They tried but failed to bring down Amazon

Low Orbit Ion Cannon



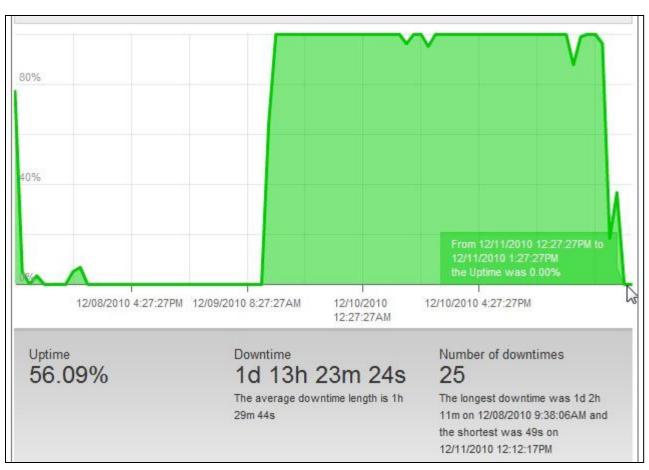


Operation Payback v. Mastercard

- Brought down Visa, Mastercard, and many other sites
 - Easily tracked, and easily blocked
 - High bandwidth, cannot be run through anonymizer
 - Dutch police have already arrested two participants

Mastercard Outage





3,000 to 30,000 attackers working together

Cybercrime can ruin entire economies

May 21, 2011 1:32 PM | By GREG GORDON

Russian anti-virus guru Eugene Kaspersky does a quick calculation in his head as he blinks at the ceiling.

Satisfied, he announces: "About 200000."

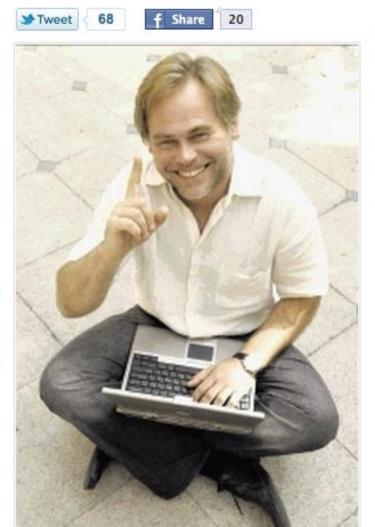
That's the number of virus-infected computers in a targeted attack on SA's internet infrastructure that would shut it off from the rest of the world. No e-mail. No electronic transactions. No web searches. No e-government. No Skype, Twitter or Facebook. Nothing.

He's not being alarmist - it happened in Estonia in 2007.

And 200000 rogue computers is not a huge number.

Organised syndicates or loners with modest technical know-how and resources can harness millions of virus-infected machines they effectively control to add muscle to their efforts - from stealing money and identities to managing online corporate espionage or collapsing the infrastructure and function of a country's economy and government.

Kaspersky is CEO and founder of Kaspersky Lab, one of the world's top four anti-virus software companies and Europe's biggest. Worldwide, the



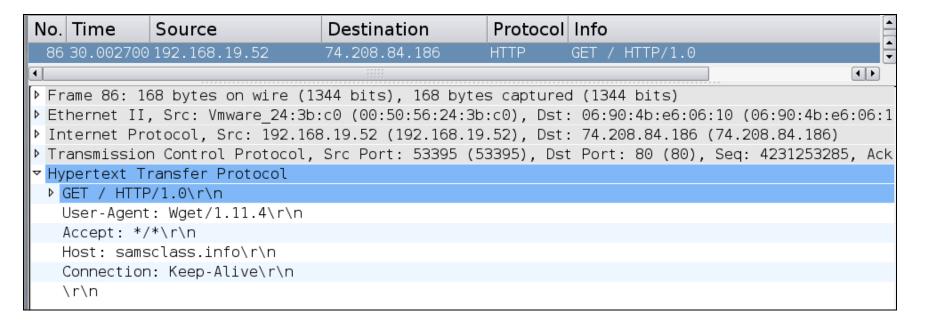
Layer 7 DoS

One Attacker – One Target Exhausts Server Resources

Layer 7 DoS

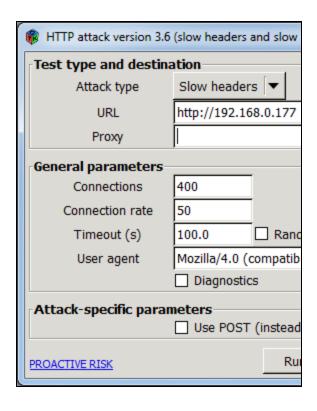
- Subtle, concealable attack
- Can be routed through proxies
- Low bandwidth
- Can be very difficult to distinguish from normal traffic

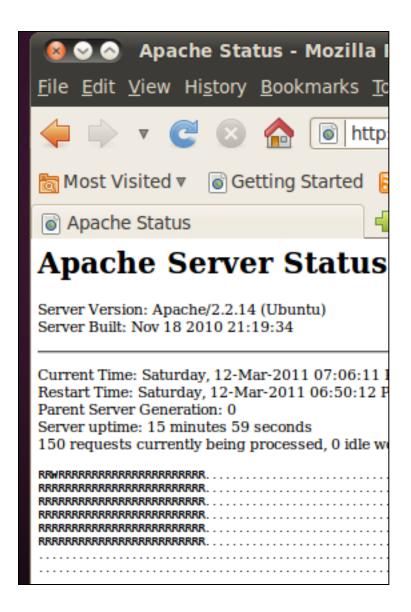
HTTP GET



SlowLoris

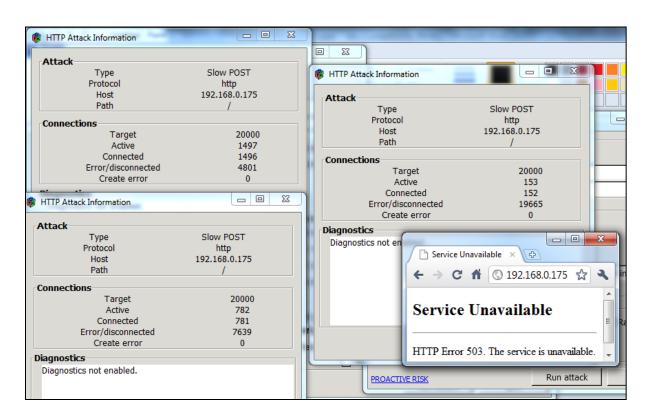
- Send incomplete GET requests
- Freezes Apache with one packet per second





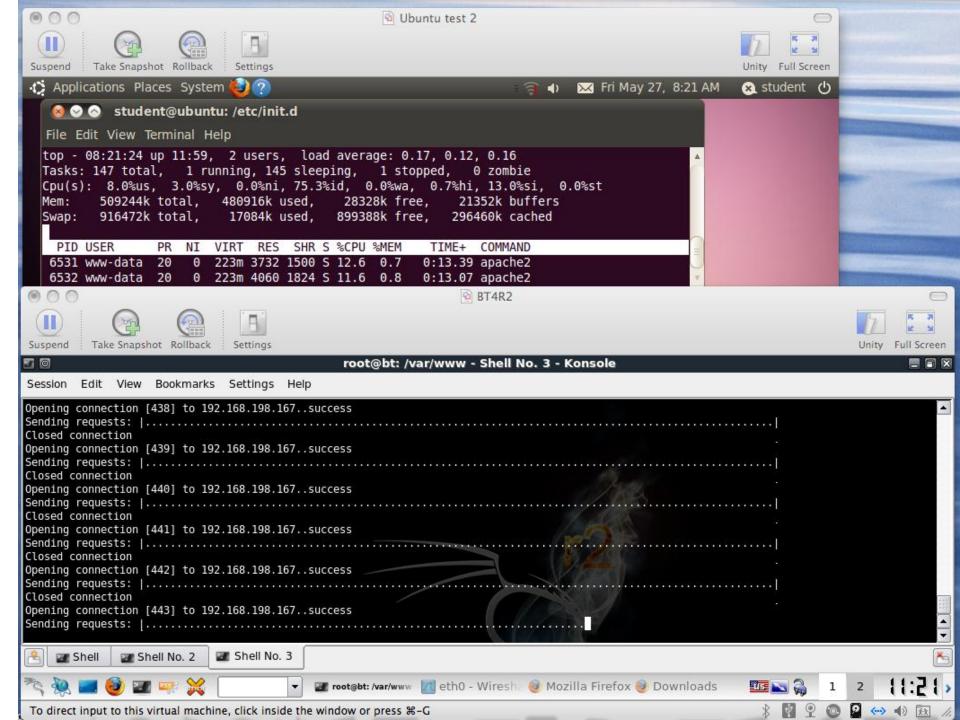
R-U-Dead-Yet

- Incomplete HTTP POSTs
- Stops IIS, but requires thousands of packets per second



Keep-Alive DoS

- HTTP Keep-Alive allows 100 requests in a single connection
- HEAD method saves resources on the attacker
- Target a page that is expensive for the server to create, like a search
 - http://www.esrun.co.uk/blog/keep-alive-dos-script/
- A php script
 - pkp keep-dead.php



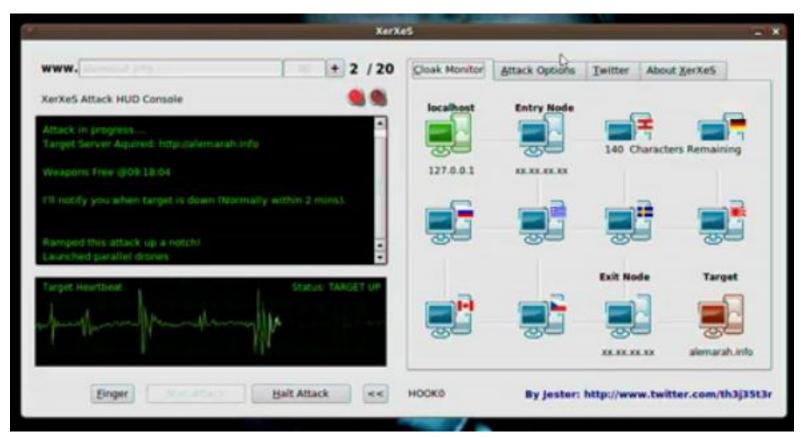
XerXes



- Th3j35t3r's DoS Tool
 - Routed through proxies like Tor to hide the attacker's origin
 - No one knows exactly what it does
 - Layer 7 DoS?

XerXes





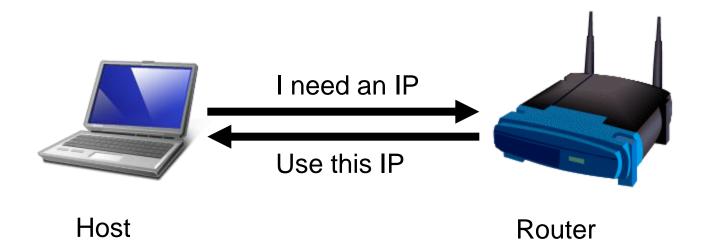
Link-Local DoS

IPv6 Router Advertisements

IPv4: DHCP

PULL process

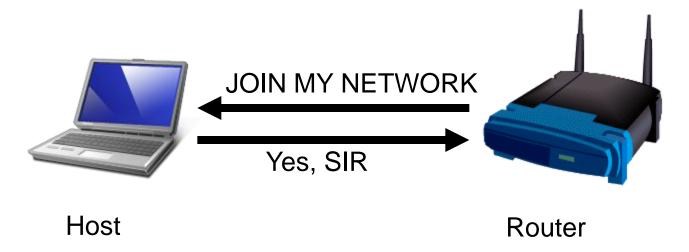
- Client requests an IP
- Router provides one



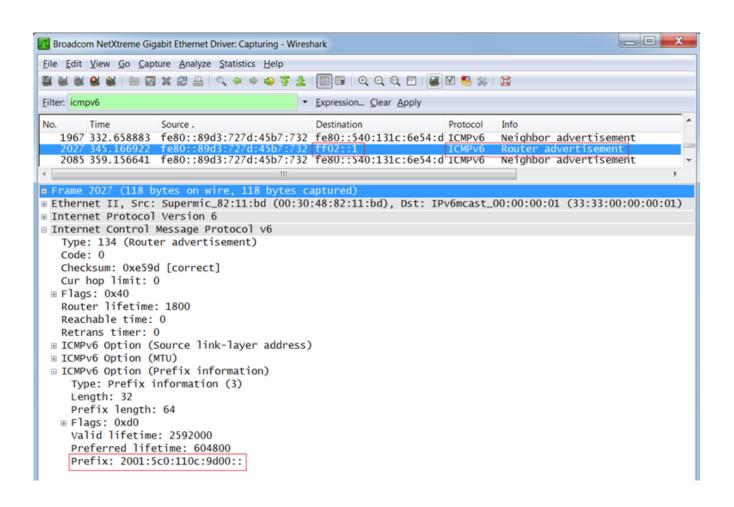
IPv6: Router Advertisements

PUSH process

- Router announces its presence
- Every client on the LAN creates an address and joins the network



Router Advertisement Packet



RA Flood

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Administrator: cmd - Shortcut
C:\Windows\system32>ipconfig
Windows IP Configuration
Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:
   Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : localdomain
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Windows Vulnerability

- It takes a LOT of CPU for Windows to process those Router Advertisements
- 5 packets per second drives the CPU to 100%
- And they are sent to every machine in the LAN (ff02::1 is Link-Local All Nodes Multicast)
- One attacker kills all the Windows machines on a LAN
- FreeBSD is also vulnerable!
 - But not OpenBSD, of course

Responsible Disclosure

- Microsoft was alerted by Marc Heuse on July 10, 2010
- Microsoft does not plan to patch this
- Juniper and Cisco devices are also vulnerable
- Cisco has released a patch, Juniper has not

Defenses from RA Floods

- Disable IPv6
- Turn off Router Discovery
- Block rogue RAs with a firewall
- Get a switch with RA Guard

RA Guard Evasion

- Add "Fragmentation Headers" to the RA Packets
 - http://samsclass.info/ipv6/proj/RA-evasion.html

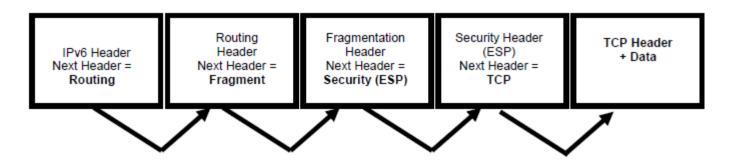


Figure 3-8. Next Header Fields in IPv6 and Extension Headers

Fragmentation Headers

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Filter: icmpv6
                                 Expression... Clear Apply
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            Source
                              Destination | Protocol Info
    ▽ Internet Protocol Version 6, Src: fe80::218:f4ff:fe78:26e4 (fe80::218:f4ff:fe78:26e4), Dst: ff02::1 (ff02::1)

    0110 .... = Version: 6

 ▶ .... 0000 0000 .... .... .... = Traffic class: 0x00000000
  .... .... 0000 0000 0000 0000 = Flowlabel: 0x00000000
  Payload length: 80
  Next header: IPv6 fragment (0x2c)
  Hop limit: 255
  Source: fe80::218:f4ff:fe78:26e4 (fe80::218:f4ff:fe78:26e4)
  [Source SA MAC: EoTechni 78:26:e4 (00:18:f4:78:26:e4)]
  Destination: ff02::1 (ff02::1)
 ▼ Fragmentation Header
   Next header: IPv6 fragment (0x2c)
   0000 0000 0000 0... = Offset: 0 (0x0000)
   .... .... .... 0 = More Fragment: No
    Identification: 0x4743b00b
 ▼ Fragmentation Header
   Next header: ICMPv6 (0x3a)
   0000\ 0000\ 0000\ 0... = Offset: 0 (0x0000)
    .... .... .... ...0 = More Fragment: No
   Identification: 0x01000000
Internet Control Message Protocol v6
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0010 00 00 00 50 2c ff fe 80 00 00 00 00 00 02 18
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0020 f4 ff fe 78 26 e4 ff 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
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Defending Websites

Attack > Defense

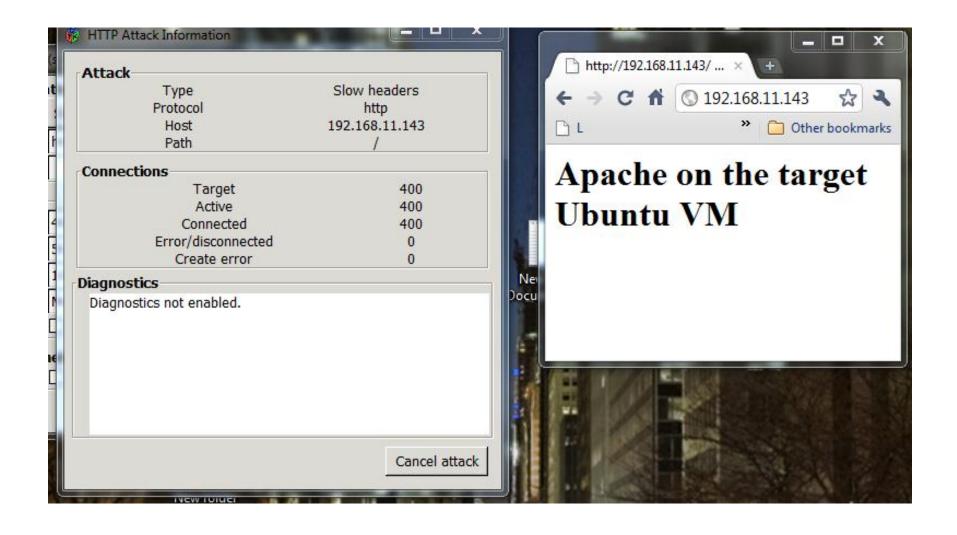
- Right now, your website is only up because
 - Not even one person hates you, or
 - All the people that hate you are ignorant about network security

Defense

- Mod Security--free open-source defense tool
 - Latest version has some protections against Layer 7 DoS

- Akamai has good defense solutions
 - Caching
 - DNS Redirection
 - Javascript second-request trick

Load Balancer





- Proxy servers
- Conceals your server's IP address
- Blocks attacks using information from other attacks
- Free version
- Effective against th3j35t3r in real combat

Counterattacks

- Reflecting attacks back to the command & control server
- Effective against dumb attackers like Anonymous' LOIC
 - Will lose effect if they ever learn about Layer 7 DoS, which is happening now

Anonymous Takes Down U.S. Chamber Of Commerce And Supporter Websites http://goo.gl/Mue9k

Slowloris HTTP DoS http://ha.ckers.org/slowloris/

OWASP HTTP DoS Tool http://code.google.com/p/owasp-dos-http-post/

Mitigating Slow HTTP DoS Attacks http://blog.spiderlabs.com/2010/11/advanced-topic-of-the-week-mitigating-slow-http-dos-attacks.html

'Tis the Season of DDoS – WikiLeaks Edition (Outage charts) http://goo.gl/V5jZc

ModSecurity http://goo.gl/56hbl

Akamai DDoS Report http://baythreat.org/MichaelSmith_DDoS.pdf

How Secure Is Julian Assange's "Thermonuclear" Insurance File? http://goo.gl/sY6Nn

Overview of Anonymous and their attack on MasterCard: http://goo.gl/IVsCD

Operation Payback Toolkit: LOIC and HiveMind http://pastehtml.com/view/1c8i33u.html

r-u-dead-yet http://code.google.com/p/r-u-dead-yet/

Keep-Alive DoS Script http://www.esrun.co.uk/blog/keep-alive-dos-script/

Router Advertisement DoS in Windows http://samsclass.info/ipv6/proj/flood-router6a.htm

RA Guard Evasion http://samsclass.info/ipv6/proj/RA-evasion.html

XerXes Attack Video http://goo.gl/j8NQE