

# Lecture #5: IoT Botnet Measurements

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For 8 years, a hacker operated a massive IoT botnet just to download Anime videos



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# Schedule

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# Introduction to today's lecture

# Motivation for today

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## Viral news story of botnet with 3 million toothbrushes was too good to be true

Journalists reported on hypothetical toothbrush botnet as if it were real.

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# Today's learning objective

- After the lecture, you will be able to discuss how IoT botnets work, such as how they are organized and spread their infections.
- [Mirai] is the infamous botnet that alerted many of the risks of IoT devices.
- [Hajime] is a more advanced IoT botnet, compared to Mirai, when it comes to bot management and usage of exploits.
- Contributes to SSI learning goal #1: “Understand IoT concepts and applications, security threats, technical solutions, and a few relevant standardization efforts in the IETF”

# Today's papers: measuring botnets

[Mirai] M. Antonakakis, T. April, M. Bailey, M. Bernhard, E. Bursztein, J. Cochran, Z. Durumeric, J. A. Halderman, L. Invernizzi, M. Kallitsis, D. Kumar, C. Lever, Z. Ma, J. Mason, D. Menscher, C. Seaman, N. Sullivan, K. Thomas, and Y. Zhou, “Understanding the Mirai Botnet”, in: 26th USENIX Security Symposium, 2017

[Hajime] S. Herwig, K. Harvey, G. Hughey, R. Roberts, and D. Levin, “Measurement and Analysis of Hajime, a Peer-to-peer IoT Botnet”, Network and Distributed Systems Security (NDSS) Symposium 2019, San Diego, CA, USA, February 2019

# “Understanding the Mirai Botnet”

26th USENIX Security Symposium, 2017

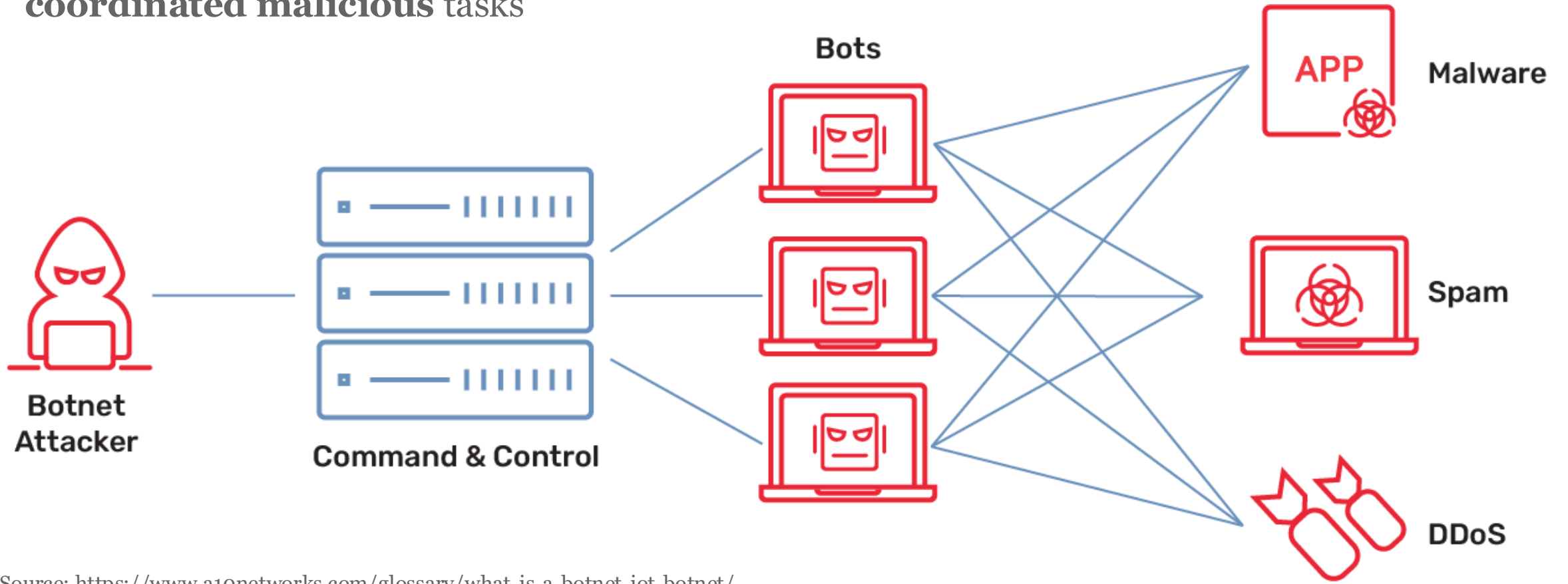




What struck you about the paper?

# What is a Botnet?

- Network of **compromised** devices (Bots) controlled by an attacker (Botmaster) to perform **coordinated malicious tasks**



Source: <https://www.a10networks.com/glossary/what-is-a-botnet-iot-botnet/>

# Mirai Botnet

”A worm-like family of malware that infected IoT devices and corralled them into a DDoS botnet.”

## Why Did Mirai Spread So Fast?

- It scanned the whole Internet quickly to find devices.
- Many IoT devices used default (weak) passwords.
- It was simple and worked on many types of devices.

## Mirai Botnet Launches Record 5.6 Tbps DDoS Attack with 13,000+ IoT Devices

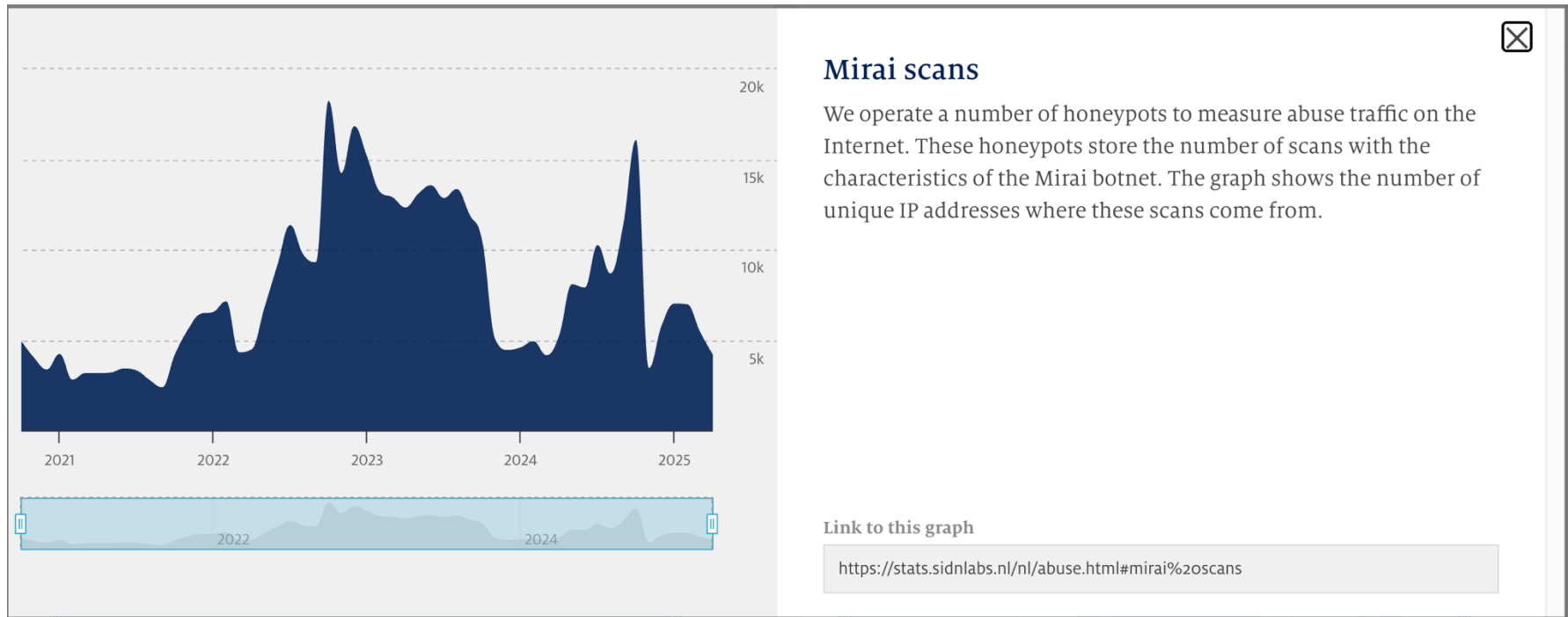
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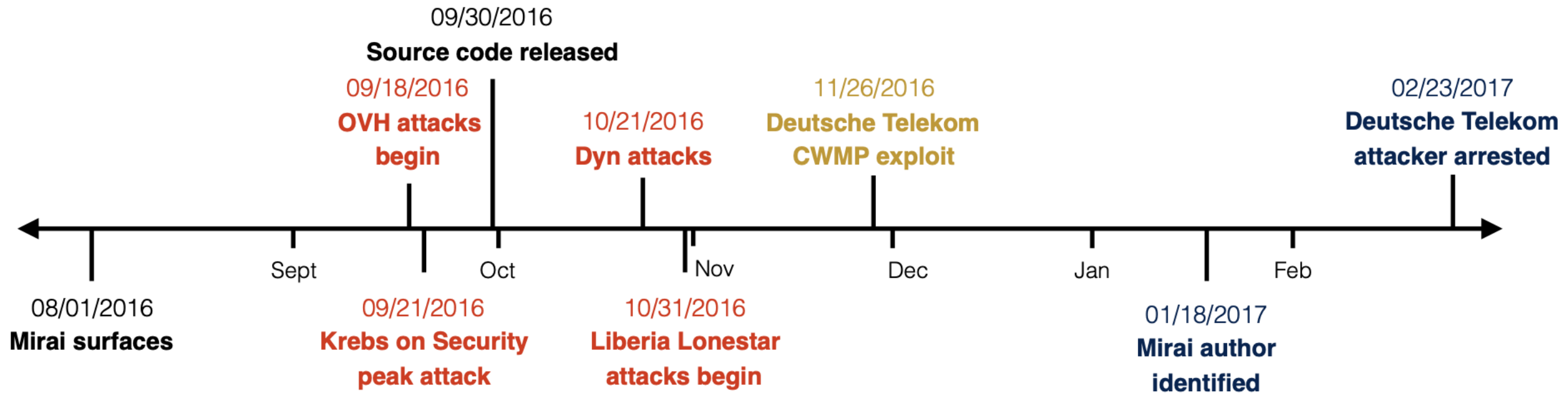
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# Mirai post-mortem

- Impressive cooperation between = different vantage points:
  - Akamai Technologies, Cloudflare, Google, Merit Network
  - Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Michigan

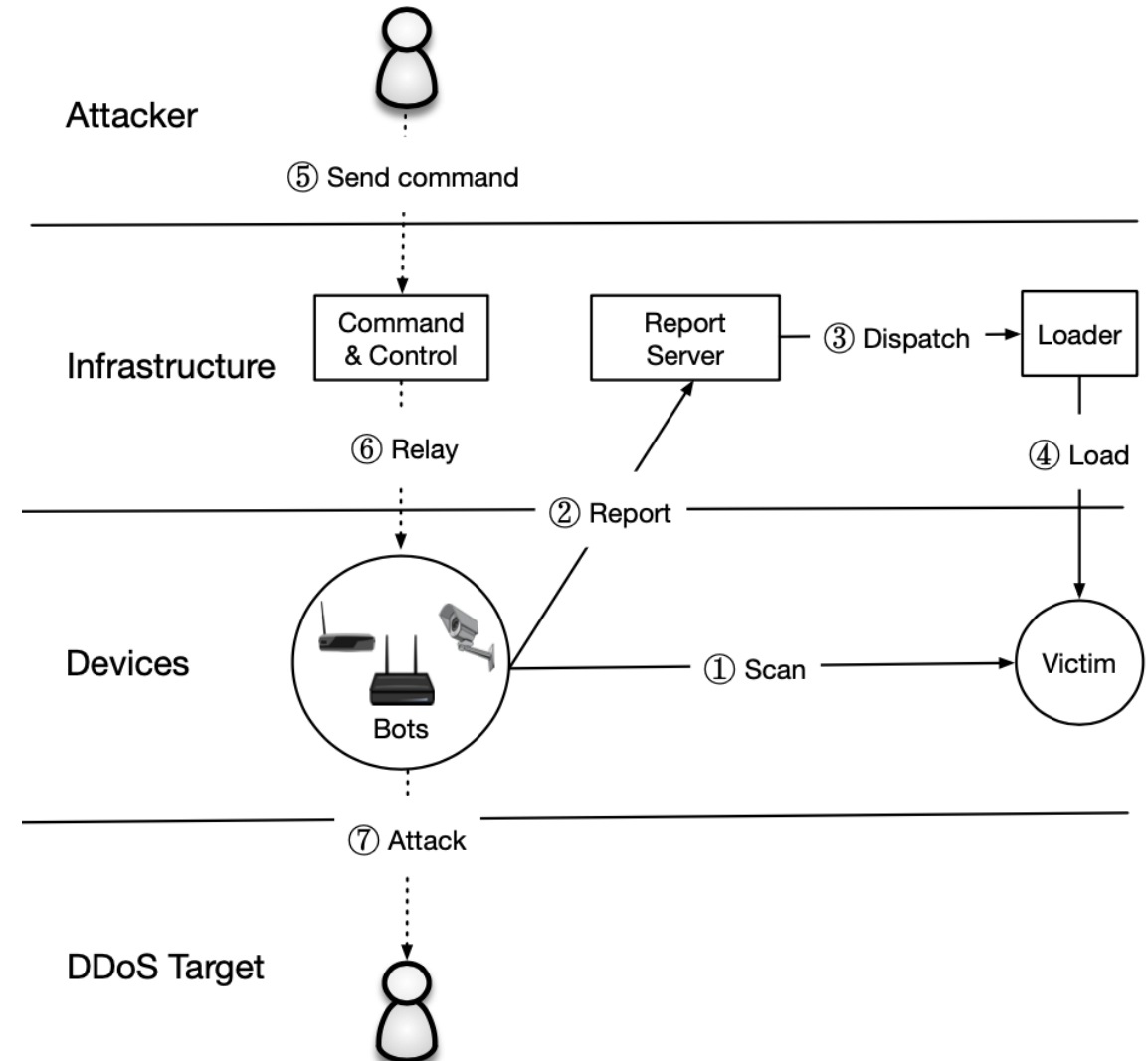


# Mirai Botnet Inner Working

- Rapid stateless scanning: 23 and 2323 TCP SYN (seq num)

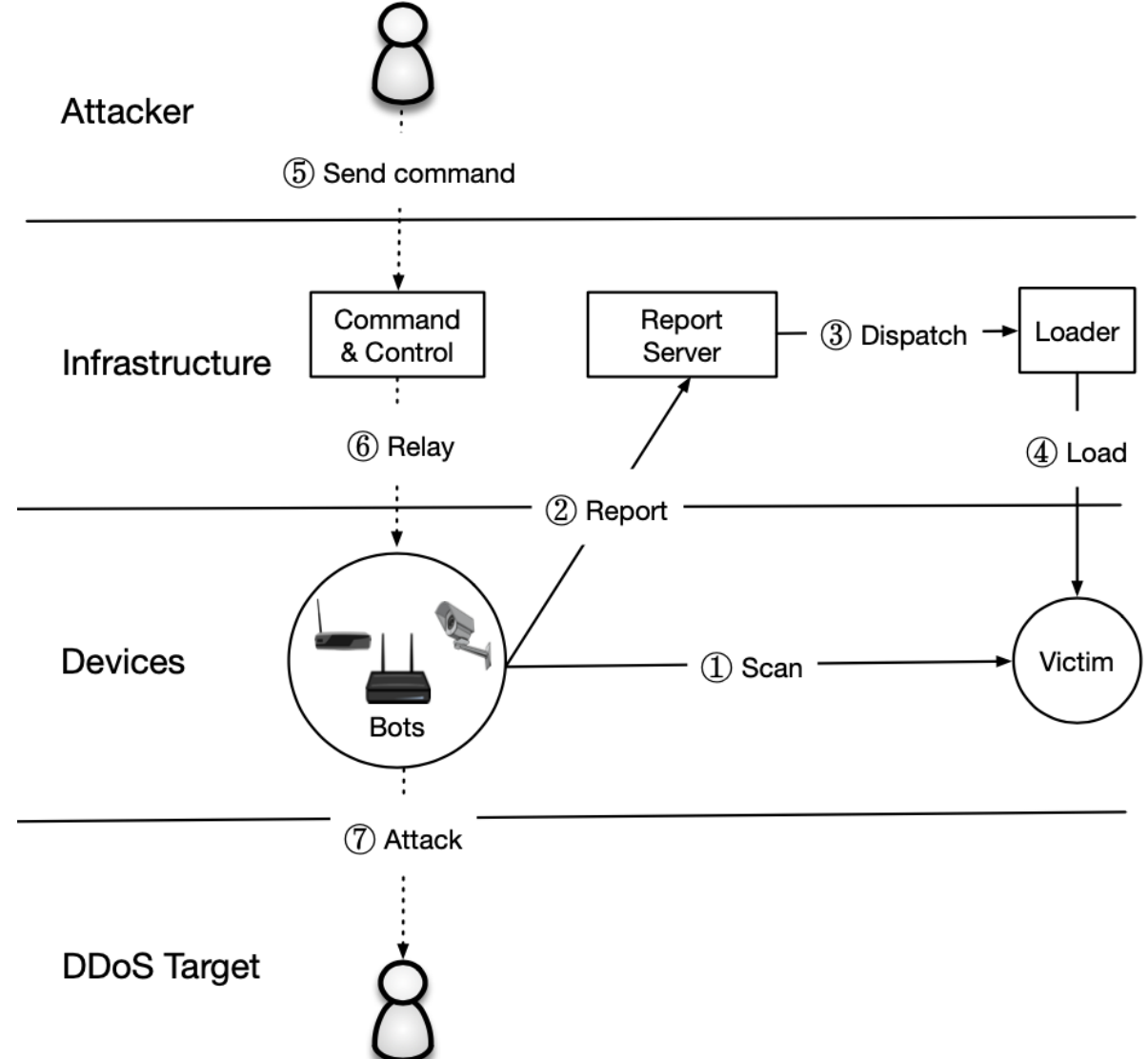
What are **23** and **2323**?

- Used by the **Telnet** protocol, which allows remote access to devices but sends data in plain text, with no encryption.
- Mirai scanned **both** to find **more** targets.



# Mirai Botnet Inner Working

- Rapid stateless scanning: 23 and 2323 TCP SYN (seq num)
- On connection: start brute force login (10 attempts)
- Report successful login to hard-coded report server
- (Async) infect with loader program.
- C2 await commands



# Mirai uses default passwords

```
// Set up passwords
```

```
add_auth_entry("\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", "\x5A\x41\x11\x17\x13\x13", 10);
add_auth_entry("\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", "\x54\x4B\x58\x5A\x54", 9);
add_auth_entry("\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", "\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", 8);
add_auth_entry("\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", "\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", 7);
add_auth_entry("\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", "\x1A\x1A\x1A\x1A\x1A\x1A", 6);
add_auth_entry("\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", "\x5A\x4F\x4A\x46\x4B\x52\x41", 5);
add_auth_entry("\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", "\x46\x47\x44\x43\x57\x4E\x56", 5);
add_auth_entry("\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", "\x48\x57\x43\x4C\x56\x47\x41\x4A", 5);
add_auth_entry("\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", "\x13\x10\x11\x16\x17\x14", 5);
add_auth_entry("\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", "\x17\x16\x11\x10\x13", 5);
add_auth_entry("\x51\x57\x52\x52\x4D\x50\x56", "\x51\x57\x52\x52\x4D\x50\x56", 5);
add_auth_entry("\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", "", 4);
add_auth_entry("\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", "\x52\x43\x51\x51\x55\x4D\x50\x46", 4);
add_auth_entry("\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", "\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", 4);
add_auth_entry("\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", "\x13\x10\x11\x16\x17", 4);
add_auth_entry("\x57\x51\x47\x50", "\x57\x51\x47\x50", 3);
add_auth_entry("\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", "", 3);
add_auth_entry("\x50\x4D\x4D\x56", "\x52\x43\x51\x51", 3);
add_auth_entry("\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C", "\x43\x46\x4F\x4B\x4C\x13\x10\x11\x16", 3);
```

```
// root      xc3511
// root      vizxv
// root      admin
// admin     admin
// root      888888
// root      xmhdipc
// root      default
// root      juantech
// root      123456
// root      54321
// support   support
// root      (none)
// admin     password
// root      root
// root      12345
// user      user
// admin     (none)
// root      pass
// admin     admin1234
```



# Example of a Vulnerable Telnet Device

## Open Ports

23

7170

9100

// 23 / TCP 1651072050 | 2025-05-22T14:41:36.910858

```
[2J [31m [1mMicrochip Telnet Server 1.1 [0m  
(for this demo, type 'admin' for the login and 'microchip' for the password.)  
Login:
```

- Shows default login info openly in the banner (admin / microchip)
- Attackers can use this to easily take control

# Scanning the Internet

```
while (o1 == 127 ||
      (o1 == 0) ||
      (o1 == 3) ||
      (o1 == 15 || o1 == 16) ||
      (o1 == 56) ||
      (o1 == 10) ||
      (o1 == 192 && o2 == 168) ||
      (o1 == 172 && o2 >= 16 && o2 < 32) ||
      (o1 == 100 && o2 >= 64 && o2 < 127) ||
      (o1 == 169 && o2 > 254) ||
      (o1 == 198 && o2 >= 18 && o2 < 20) ||
      (o1 >= 224) ||
      (o1 == 6 || o1 == 7 || o1 == 11 ||
      o1 == 21 || o1 == 22 || o1 == 26 ||
      o1 == 28 || o1 == 29 || o1 == 30 ||
      o1 == 33 || o1 == 55 || o1 == 214 ||
      o1 == 215)
      // 127.0.0.0/8      - Loopback
      // 0.0.0.0/8        - Invalid address space
      // 3.0.0.0/8        - General Electric Company
      // 15.0.0.0/7       - Hewlett-Packard Company
      // 56.0.0.0/8       - US Postal Service
      // 10.0.0.0/8       - Internal network
      // 192.168.0.0/16   - Internal network
      // 172.16.0.0/14    - Internal network
      // 100.64.0.0/10    - IANA NAT reserved
      // 169.254.0.0/16   - IANA NAT reserved
      // 198.18.0.0/15    - IANA Special use
      // 224.*.*.*+       - Multicast
      // Department of Defense
);
```

# Scanning the Internet (2)

```
for (i = 0; i < SCANNER_RAW_PPS; i++)
{
    struct sockaddr_in paddr = {0};
    struct iphdr *iph = (struct iphdr *)scanner_rawpkt;
    struct tcphdr *tcph = (struct tcphdr *)(iph + 1);

    iph->id = rand_next();
    iph->saddr = LOCAL_ADDR;
    iph->daddr = get_random_ip();
    iph->check = 0;
    iph->check = checksum_generic((uint16_t *)iph, sizeof (struct iphdr));

    if (i % 10 == 0)
    {
        tcph->dest = htons(2323);
    }
    else
    {
        tcph->dest = htons(23);
    }
    tcph->seq = iph->daddr;
    tcph->check = 0;
    tcph->check = checksum_tcpudp(iph, tcph, htons(sizeof (struct tcphdr)), sizeof (struct tcphdr));

    paddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
    paddr.sin_addr.s_addr = iph->daddr;
    paddr.sin_port = tcph->dest;
}
```

# Scanning the Internet (2)

```
if (i % 10 == 0)
{
    tcp->dest = htons(2323);
}
else
{
    tcp->dest = htons(23);
}
tcp->seq = ip->daddr;
tcp->check = 0;
tcp->check = checksum_tcpudp(ip, tcp, htons(sizeof (struct tcphdr)), sizeof (struct tcphdr));

paddr.sin_family = AF_INET;
paddr.sin_addr.s_addr = ip->daddr;
paddr.sin_port = tcp->dest;
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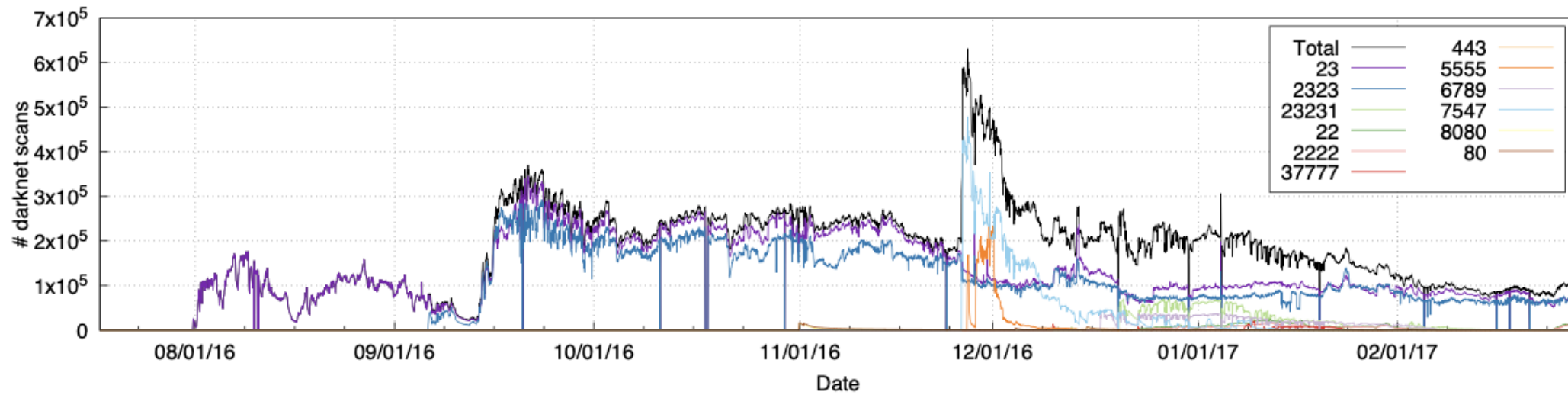
- The TCP sequence number is a 32-bit value (like an IPv4 address) used in TCP packets to keep track of the order of bytes sent.
- **The TCP sequence numbers of the SYN packets correspond to the integer value of the IP destination.**
  - For example: the targeted IP is **62.210.75.75**, the source code will set the TCP sequence number to **1053969227**.

# Questions

- Is it realistic to expect consumers to secure their own IoT devices? If not, who should be responsible?
- What's a more scalable long-term solution: trying to clean infected IoT devices or preventing them from joining the botnet in the first place?

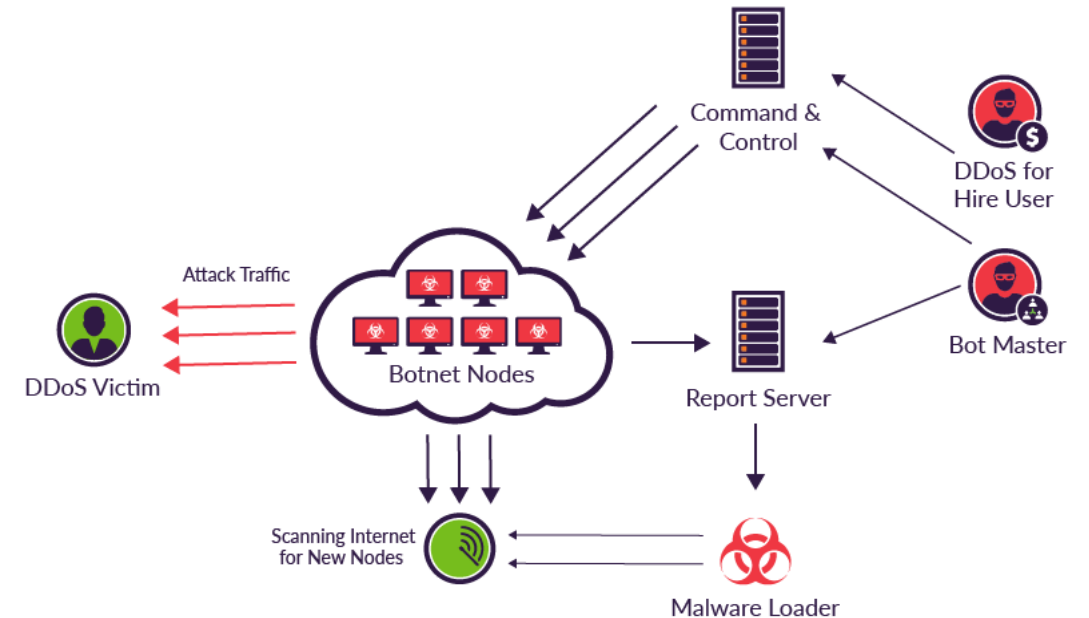
# Mirai from a network perspective

- Active scanning: (Censys)
- IoT Honeypot: 1028 unique samples and 67 C2 domains
- Passive and Active DNS to find more C2 servers



# Mirai DDoS attacks

- Volumetric (e.g., UDP) , TCP State Exhaustion (e.g., SYN flood), Application-level attacks (e.g., HTTP flood).
- Most targets in USA (50%), France, UK.
- Games
- High-profile targets: Krebs on Security, Lonestar Cell (Liberia), Dyn.



# Mirai DDoS attacks

- Volumetric (e.g., UDP): send enormous amounts of traffic to a targeted server, causing network congestion, packet loss, and service disruptions.
- TCP State Exhaustion (e.g., SYN flood): open fake connections until the server runs out of memory or ports.
- Application-level attacks (e.g., HTTP flood): involve overwhelming a server with a flood of seemingly legitimate requests



# Question

- What was the biggest ‘contribution’ of Mirai in your opinion?
- What are the weaknesses of the paper?

# Key takeaways

Simple attack, lots of damage

Automatic updates

Device identification on network

IoT end-of-life devices (externality)

Connecting datasets gives a lot of information!



“Measurement and Analysis of Hajime,  
a Peer-to-peer IoT Botnet”  
Network and Distributed Systems Security (NDSS)  
Symposium 2019



What struck you about the paper?

# Hajime - はじめ(Ha-ji-mé)

- Mirai – みらい[mí<sup>↓</sup>ràì] – future
- Hajime – はじめ[ha-ji-mé] – beginning

# Almost 10 years later – DDoS keeps scaling

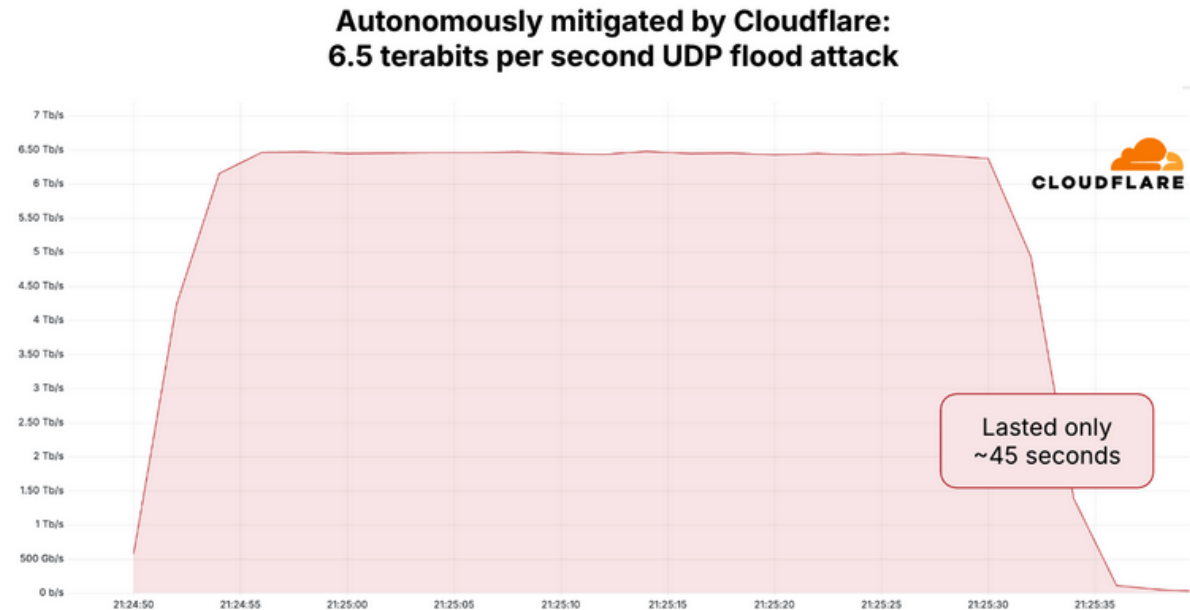
- This also means we need to learn new Japanese words
- 6.3 Tbps attack on KrebsOnSecurity blog  
(10x as strong as the attack on the blog in 2016)
- Aisuru – あいする [àísú<sup>↓</sup>rù] – to love
- Airashi (sic) – あいらしい [àíráshí<sup>↓</sup>ì] – lovely
- <https://krebsonsecurity.com/2025/05/krebsonsecurity-hit-with-near-record-6-3-tbps-ddos/>

# Naming is easy

```
'snow slide'  
'telnetd|upnpc-static|udhcpd|/usr/bin/inetd|ntpc|boa|lighttpd|httpd|goahead|mir  
'/dvrEncoder|/dvrRecorder|/dvrDecoder|/rtspd|/ptzcontrol|/dvrUpdater'  
'cve-2021-36260.ru'  
'honeybooterz.cve-2021-36260.ru'  
'stun.l.google.com:19302'  
'/proc/'  
'/proc/self/exe'  
'/proc/net/tcp'  
'/proc/mounts'  
'/cmdline'  
'/exe'  
'/status'  
'/fd/'  
'PPid:'  
'/bin|/sbin|/usr|/snap/'  
'wget|curl|tftp|ftpget|reboot|chmod'  
'/bin/login'  
'/usr/bin/cat'  
'processor'  
'/proc/cpuinfo'  
'/bin/busybox echo AIRASHI > /proc/sys/kernel/hostname'  
'/bin/busybox AIRASHI'  
'AIRASHI: applet not found'  
'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz012345678'  
'come on, shake your body xlab, do the conga'  
'i know you can't control yourself any longer'  
'https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DKTITUPusM'  
'dear researcher (xlab, foxnointel, ...), please refer to this malware as AIRASHI.'
```

# A show of strength in less than a minute

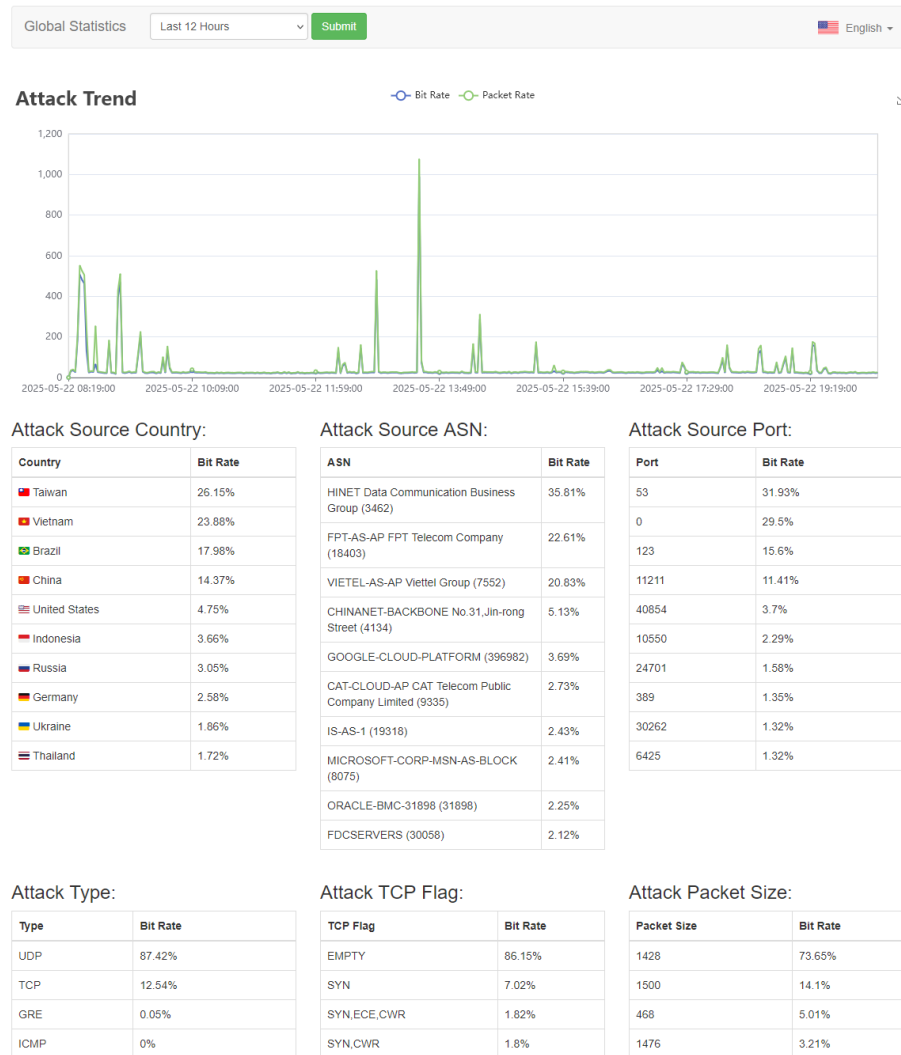
- The purpose is to convince potential buyers of the firepower of the botnet





# DDoS Benchmark

- <https://dvs.ops2.net/>



# 3 Tbps Incident



- <https://dvs.ops2.net/incident/5d1a34d8-3a1d-4c09-a77c-c29b20597c81>

# Why is it an IoT Botnet? (1/2)

- Decrypted strings referring to C2 infrastructure:
- `dvrhelpers.su|ipcamlover.ru|xlabresearch.ru|xlabsecurity.ru`
  - DVR = Digital Video Recorder
  - IP Cam = Camera
  - XLab = Chinese CybSec company
- Is that enough proof? No

# Why is it an IoT Botnet? (2/2)

- AMTK Camera cmd.cgi Remote Code Execution
- AVTECH IP Camera / NVR / DVR Devices
- LILIN Digital Video Recorder Multiple Remote Code Execution
- Shenzhen TVT Digital Technology Co. Ltd & OEM {DVR/NVR/IPC} API RCE
- cnPilot (router) oDAY
- And many more
  
- For more information visit:  
<https://blog.xlab.qianxin.com/large-scale-botnet-airashi-en/>

# The future of IoT botnets

- “Part of the reason Mirai was so dangerous was that it effectively took out competing botnets,” he said. “This attack somehow managed to compromise all these boxes that nobody else knows about. Ideally, we’d want to see that fragmented out, so that no [individual botnet operator] controls too much.”
- Menscher told KrebsOnSecurity that as counterintuitive as it may sound, the Internet as a whole would probably be better off if the source code for Aisuru became public knowledge. After all, he said, the people behind Aisuru are in constant competition with other IoT botnet operators who are all striving to commandeer a finite number of vulnerable IoT devices globally.

Google Security Engineer **Damian Menscher**

# Focus

- The important differences between Mirai and Hajime
- Backscatter data from a root DNS server

# The 3 big differences

- Peer-to-Peer instead of centralized command & control
  - More exploits based on the Vault7 leak
  - Custom protocol to spread the malware
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- No malicious activity had been recorded.  
Does this count as difference?

Architecture	Port	Service	Method
mipseb	23, 5358	Telnet	credentials
	7547	TR-064	CVE-2016-10372
	many	HTTP	Chimay-Red
	80	HTTP	CVE-2018-10561,-10562
mipsel	23, 5358	Telnet	credentials
	7547	TR-064	CVE-2016-10372
arm7	23, 5358	Telnet	credentials
	81	HTTP	GoAhead-Webs credentials
	81	HTTP	Cross Web Server RCE
arm6	23,5358	Telnet	credentials
arm5	23, 5358	Telnet	credentials
	9000	MCTP	CVE-2015-4464

TABLE I: Hajime's architecture-specific access methods and the corresponding ports scanned

# P2P Mechanisms

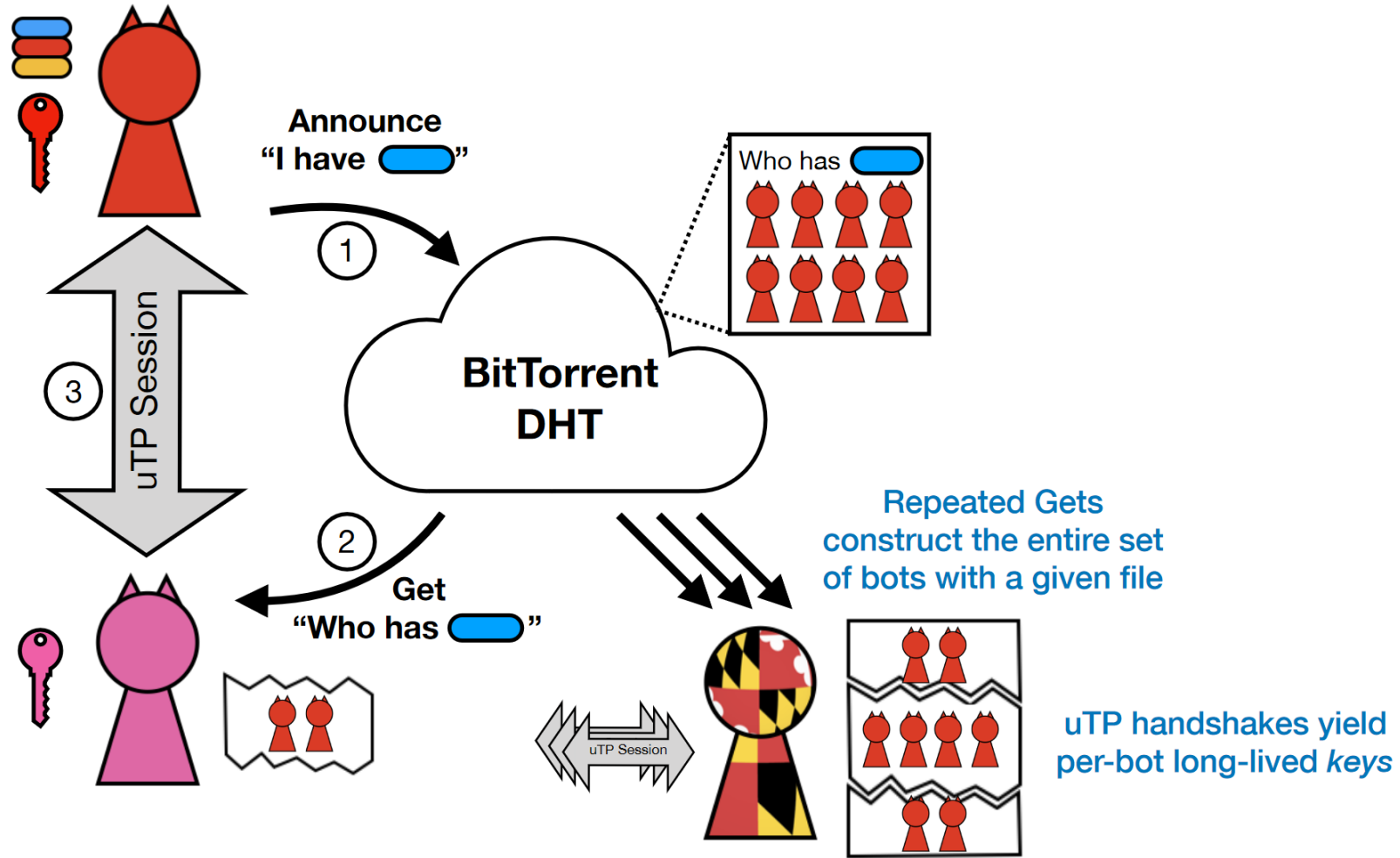
- DHT (Kademlia) based.
  - Known from e.g., BitTorrent
  - Traditional BitTorrent connections relied on trackers to exchange seeder/leecher information
- Basically, a distributed Key-Value storage
  - Key is filename concatenated with current day' timestamp (SHA1 hashed)
  - Values are IPs which are infected with Hajime and allow for payload downloads



# P2P Mechanisms

- “example” on Oct. 1, 2016
- 1. Get the current date, UTC.
- 2. Write the date in the format D-M-Y-W-Z,  
where D represents the day of the month,  
M represents the month (0 for January, 1 for February, ...),  
Y represents the years since 1900,  
W represents the day of the week (0 for Sunday, 1 for Monday, ...),  
Z represents the number of days since Jan. 1 of that year.
- Date: 1-9-116-6-274
- Then append SHA1(“example”) (with a dash) ->  
1-9-116-6-274-c3499c2729730a7f807efb8676a92dcb6f8a3f8f
- Finally search the DHT for SHA1(previous\_step) ->  
5dfd959c78d359272d46afd2e3069b34a9455ffd.

# P2P Mechanisms



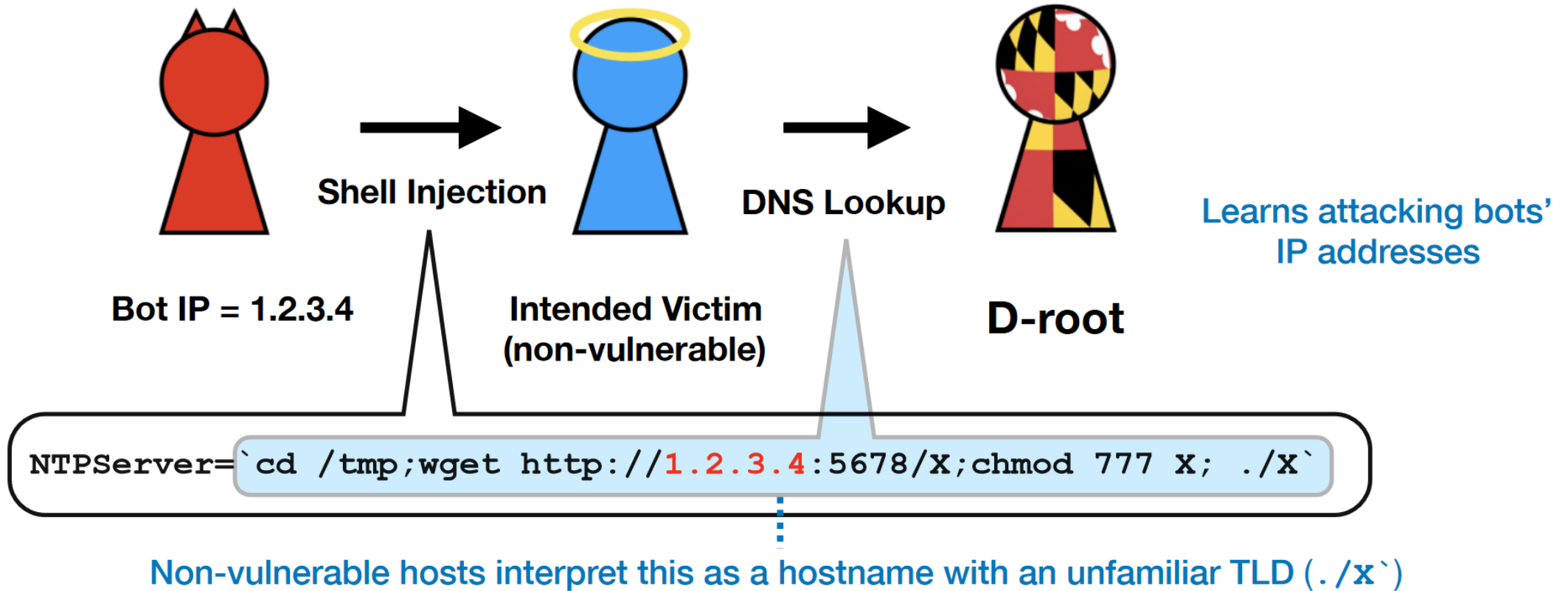
# Malicious activity(?)

- On infection, Hajime closes at least the following ports: 23 (Telnet), 5358 (WSDAPI), 5555 (Oracle Web Center Content/Freeciv), and 7547(CWMP)
- Do you remember which port/service was used by Mirai to infect devices?
- Small discussion: What do you think of the motive of the Hajime-bot author?

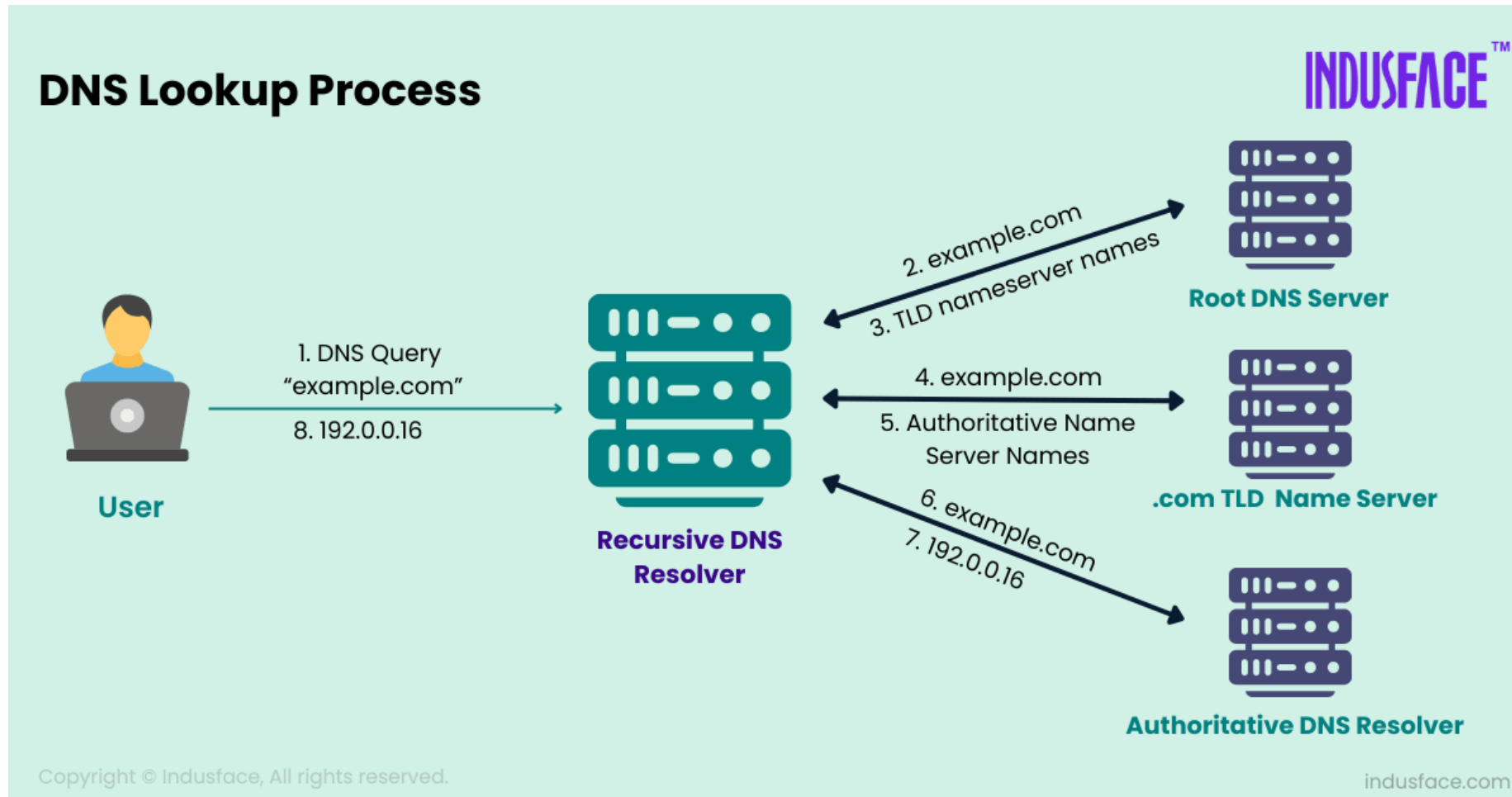
# Custom uTorrent Transport Protocol

- Mirai was enumerable/detectable due to its custom TCP sequence field
- Hajime uses unique cryptographic public keys to allow for a count of infected hosts
- Some churn expected due to recreation of the public key, during updates to the .i module
- Still a stronger identifier, compared to weak identifiers such as IPs (ie. due to carrier grade NAT)

# DNS backscatter data



# Quick DNS lookup reminder



# DNS backscatter data

- Based on trying to inject shell-commands into a NTP configuration file
- Vulnerable devices won't sanitize the input and then execute the commands, infecting the device.
- Remember how DNS lookups work? Invalid queries will be sent to the root DNS servers
  - Conveniently the researchers of the paper operate one of the root DNS servers

# White hat, grey hat, black hat?

- Communication from the bot author:

Just a white hat, securing some systems.  
Important messages will be signed like this!  
Hajime Author.  
Contact CLOSED Stay sharp!

- Discuss this approach



# Demo

1. UTC timestamp
2. payload name
3. date used as input for computing the payload's DHT hash ID
4. payload DHT ID (the hash we lookup or announce on the DHT)
5. "seeder" or "leecher" (are we collecting seeders or leechers, respectively)
6. IPv4 address of seeder/leecher bot
7. port number of seeder/leecher bot

# Demo (Backup)

```
1620769710 atk.mipseb.1506215619 2021-05-09 1173332a85f47e1a40b15f3d77a550ff342442c2 seeder 98.43.129.55 62289
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# Demo (Backup)

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# Key Takeaways

1. Command-And-Control impossible to take down, without also affecting legitimate users
2. Multiple identifiers can help in mapping the extent of a botnet (uTP keys, backscatter data)
3. Abandoned botnets float through the Internet, like satellite debris around earth's orbit