



ATLAS Initiative : Update 2010 – 2011 Q2 DDoS Analysis

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Introduction



- Darren Anstee, EMEA Solutions Architect.
- 17+ years of experience in Networking and Security.
- 8+ years at Arbor Network

- § 300+ employees in 20+ countries
- § 300+ customers
 - 90%+ of Tier1 providers,
 - 60%+ of Tier2 providers, 11 of 13 of NA MSOs.
- Privileged relationships with majority of world's ISPs
- ATLAS / ASERT thought leadership.

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The Arbor ATLAS Initiative

§ What is it?

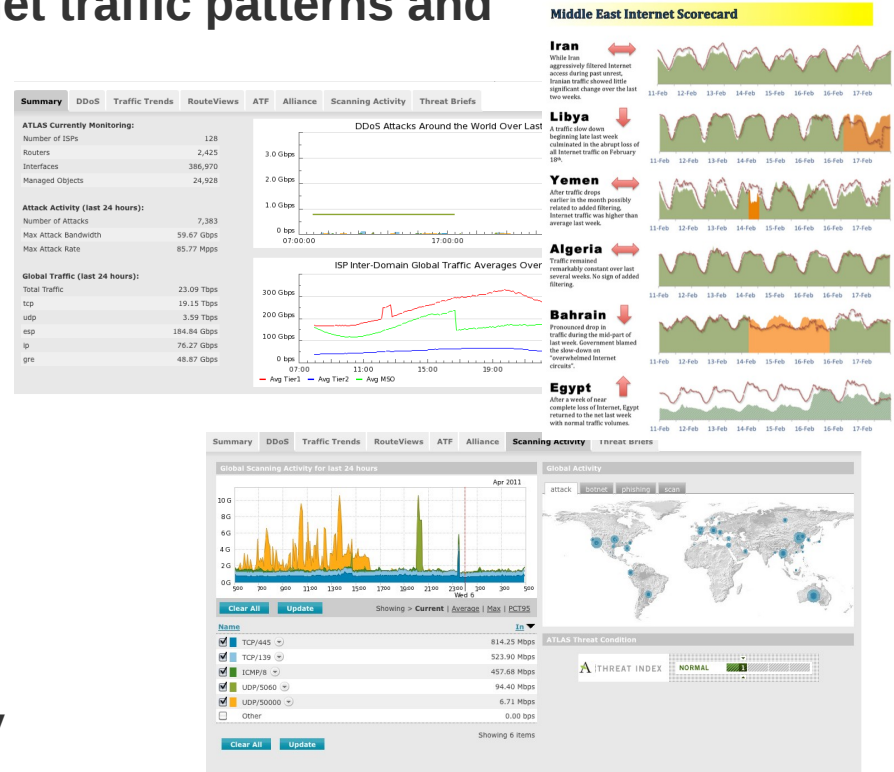
- § Active Threat Level Analysis System
- § A set of tools to model internet traffic patterns and Internet threat evolution

§ How is it used?

- § Within Arbor Products
- § Atlas.arbor.net site / Blog
- § Various Presentations
- § Trends in Internet Traffic Patterns – NANOG 47 / MENOQ
- § Botnet, DDoS and Ground Truth – NANOG 50
- § Broader Security Community

§ What is it for?

- § Broaden our understanding of the Internet



The Arbor ATLAS Initiative: Internet Trends

§ 180+ ISPs sharing real-time data - > ATLAS Internet Trends

- Automated hourly export of XML file to Arbor server (HTTPS)
- File is anonymous, only tagged with
- User Specified Region e.g. Europe
- Provider Type (self categorized) e.g. Tier 1
- Source / Destination addresses from within each participating customer are obfuscated.

- Data derived from Flow / BGP / SNMP correlation

- Arbor Peakflow SP product
- Correlates Sampled Flow / BGP in real-time
- Distributed in nature
- Network / Router / Interface etc. Traffic Reporting
- Threat Detection (DDoS / infected sub)
 - Multiple detection mechanisms

2011 ATLAS Initiative : Anonymous Stats

Small Attacks Continue to Make Up the Majority

§ As in 2010 most monitored attacks still small in 2011 :

- § 78.5% less than 1Gb/sec (down from 93% in 2009 and 79% in 2010)
- § 63.5% less than 1Mpps (down from 94% in 2009 and 87% in 2010)

§ Average size of attacks,

§ Less than 1Gb/sec:

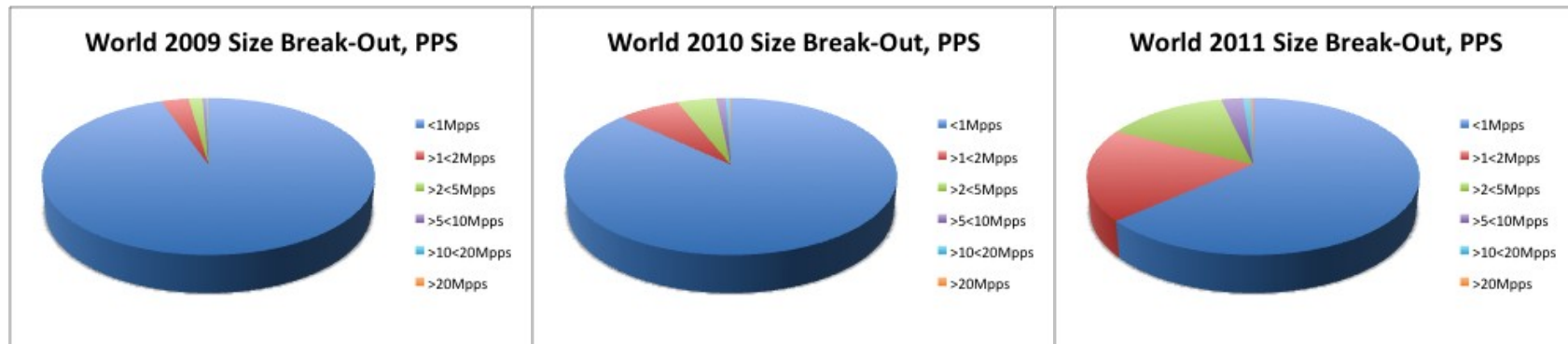
§ 2010 is 197.41Mbps / 307.72Kpps

§ 2011 is 332.1Mbps / 739.2Kpps

§ Less than 1Mpps:

§ 2010 is 558.96Mbps / 228.139Kpps

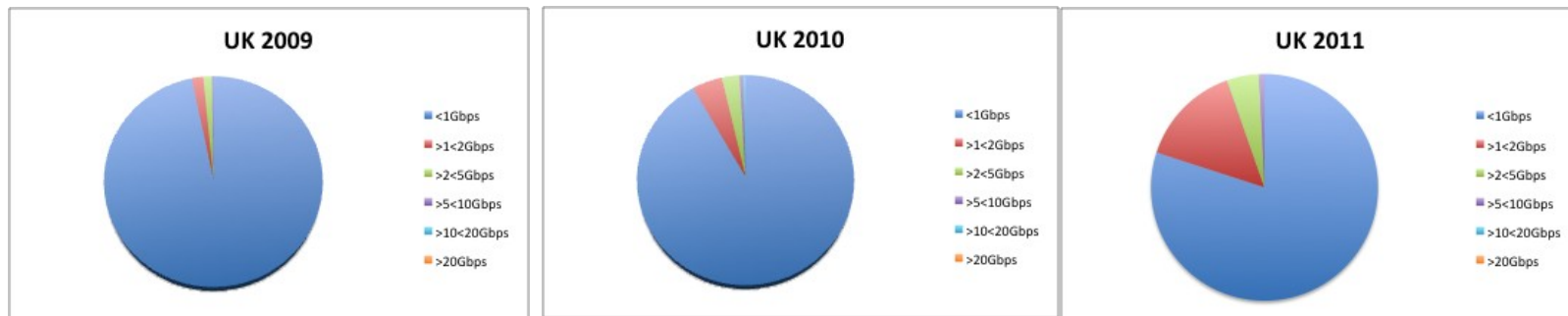
§ 2011 is 599.2Mbps / 335.7Kpps



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Small Attacks : UK Focus

- § Not a huge amount of data for UK specific attacks:
 - § Historically, lack of participation in ATLAS Internet Trends
 - § Anonymisation of attack dst addresses, in some cases, makes IP impossible.
- § In the UK small attack trend is similar to world-wide:
 - § 80% less than 1Gb/sec (down from 96.7% 2009, and 91.7% 2010)
 - § 66.9% less than 1Mpps (down from 96.8% 2009, and 90.5% 2010)



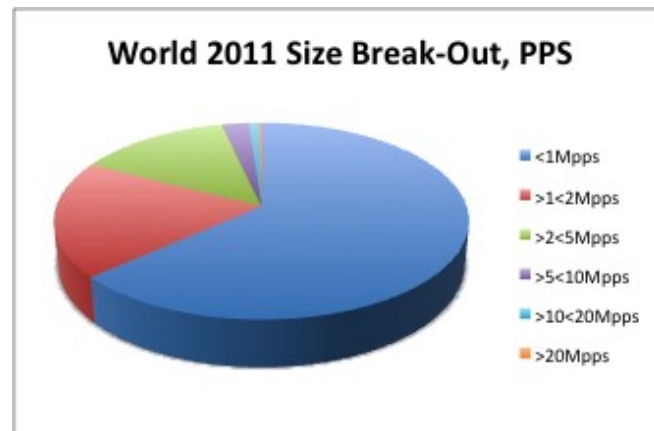
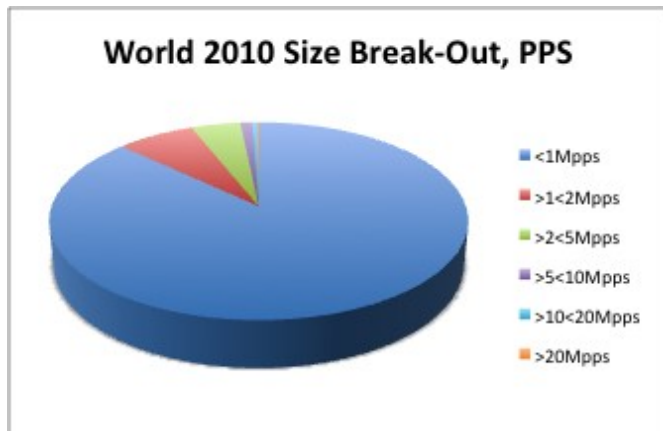
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Proportion of attacks over 10Mpps on the rise!

§ Proportion of monitored attacks over 10Gb/sec up 470% from 2009 -> 2010.

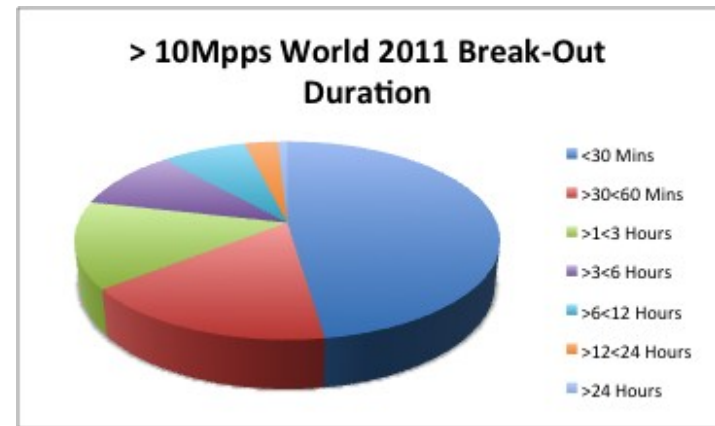
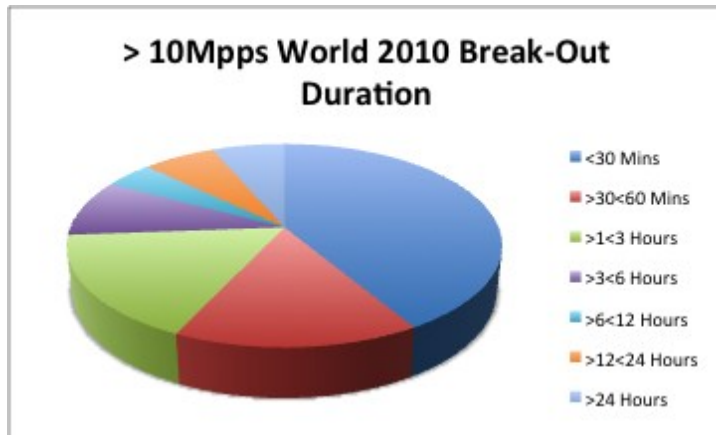
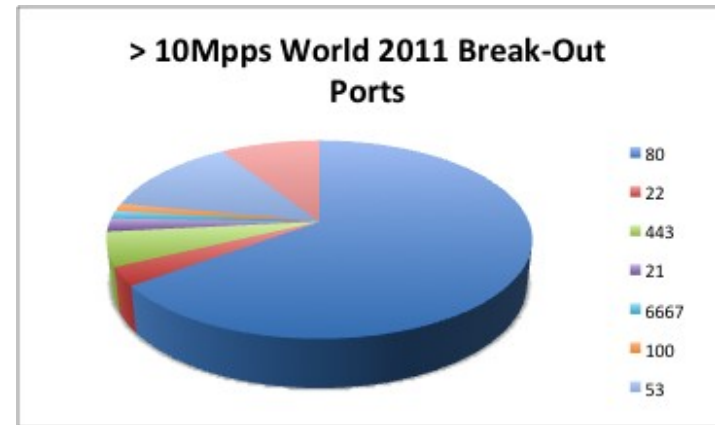
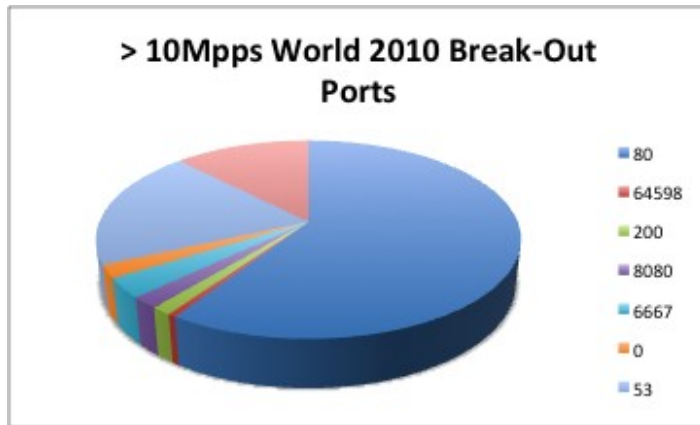
§ Proportion of monitored attacks over 10Gb/sec has dropped by 48% so far in 2011, compared to 2010.

§ Proportion of monitored attacks over 10Mpps has increased by 98.4% so far in 2011, compared to 2010.



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Changes in Attacks Over 10Mpps



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Largest Monitored Attack Sizes Year on Year

§ Largest monitored attack in 2009, BPS:

§ 49.99Gb/sec, Port Range, Taiwan

§ Lasted 1 hour 19 mins.

§ Largest monitored attack in 2010, BPS:

§ 66.205Gb/sec, DNS, US

§ Lasted 3 days, 21 hours and 18 minutes.

§ Largest monitored attack in 2011 (so far), BPS:

§ 65.761Gb/sec, 22616, Unknown

§ Lasted 42 minutes.

§ Largest monitored attack in 2009, PPS :

§ 55.47Mpps, HTTP, US

§ Lasted 17 hours 1 minute

§ Largest monitored attack in 2010, PPS:

§ 108.89Mpps, DNS, US

§ Lasted 3 days, 21 hours and 18 minutes

§ Largest monitored attack in 2011 (so far), PPS:

§ 71.34Mpps, HTTPS, US

§ Lasted 1 hour 29 minutes

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Largest Attacks Seen in UK 2009, 2010, 2011

§ Largest monitored attack in 2009, BPS:

- § 6.29Gb/sec – 555Kpps
- § Port 60345
- § Lasted 5 hours 23 mins.

§ Largest monitored attack in 2010, BPS:

- § 15.89Gb/sec - 3.12Mpps
- § Port 53
- § Lasted 2 hours 4 mins.

§ Largest monitored attack in 2011 (so far), BPS:

- § 5.89Gb/sec – 1.05Mpps
- § Port 25345
- § Lasted 19 mis.

§ Largest monitored attack in 2009, PPS :

- § 5.76Mpps - 2.21 Gb/sec
- § Port 22
- § Lasted 2 hours 11 mins

§ Largest monitored attack in 2010, PPS:

- § 14.953Mpps - 7.18Gb/sec
- § Port 6102
- § Lasted 6 mins.

§ Largest monitored attack in 2011 (so far), PPS:

- § 14.57Mpps – 4.43Gb/sec
- § Port 21
- § Lasted 44 mins

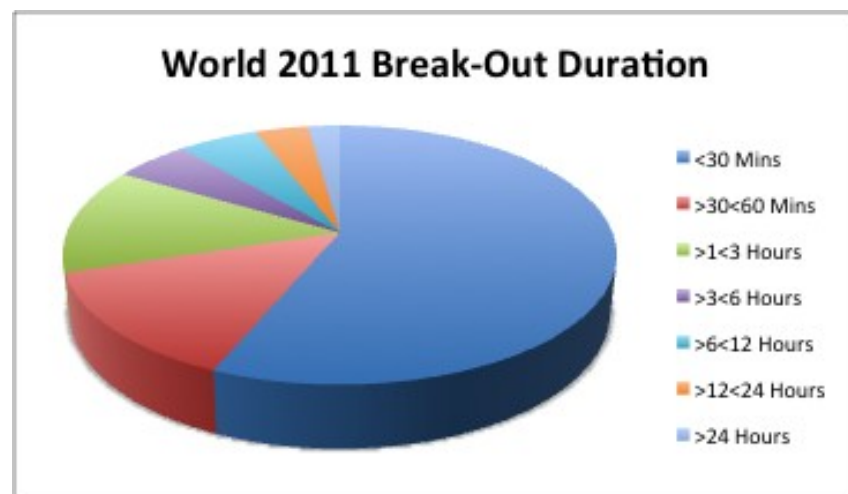
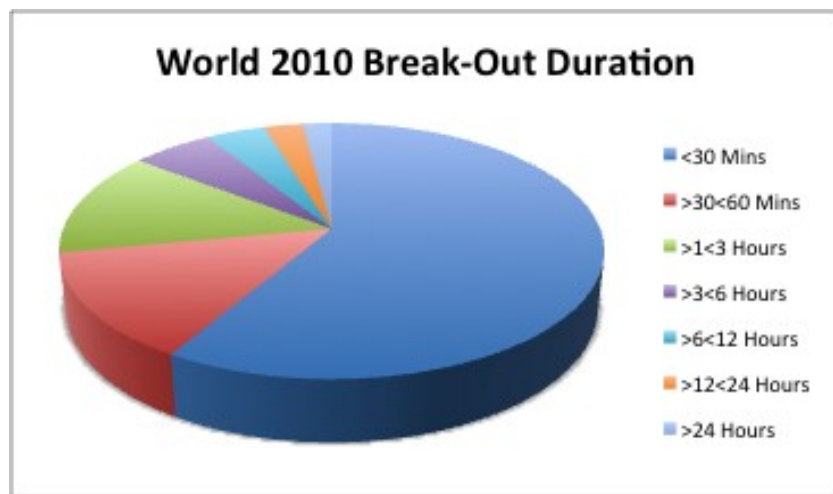


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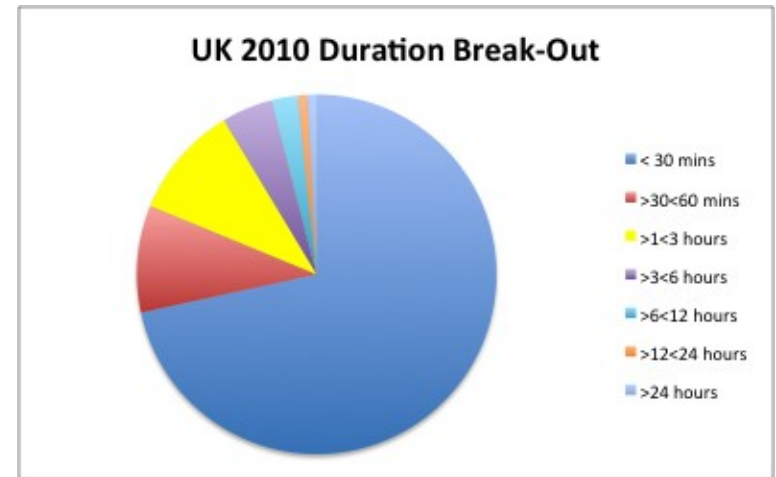
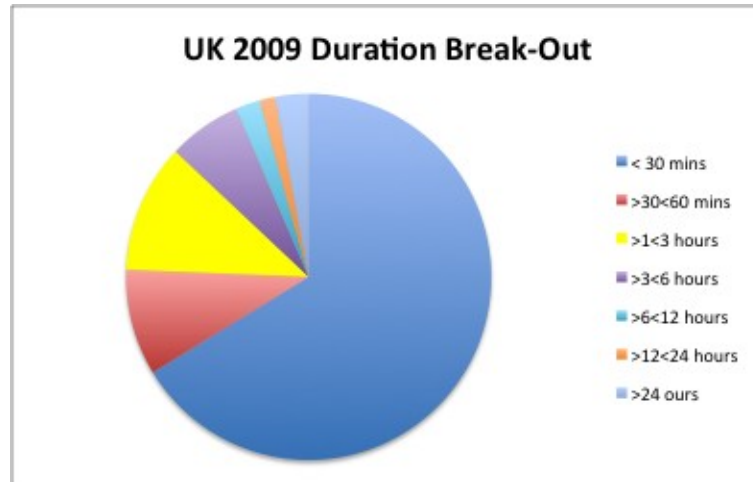
Attack Duration Mix Almost Constant

- § Majority of attacks short-lived.
- § Approx 70% less than 1 hour

§ Number of attacks lasting longer than 12 hours up from 4.8% to 5.9%.

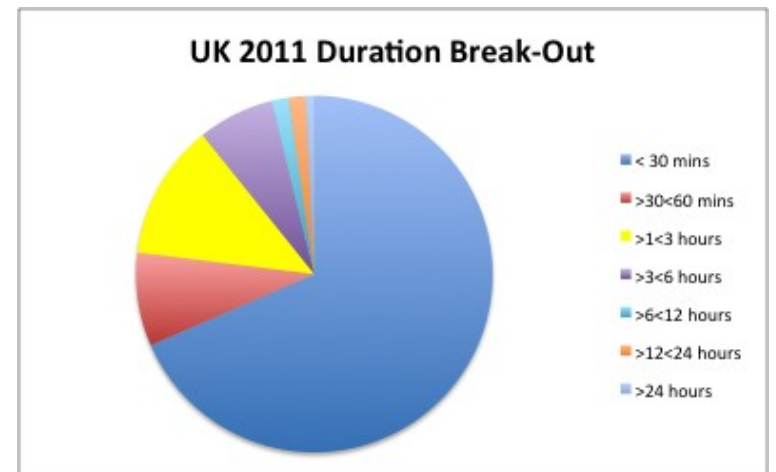


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§ Not much change in attack duration mix for the UK year on year.

§ Roughly 77% of attacks last less than 60 minutes.

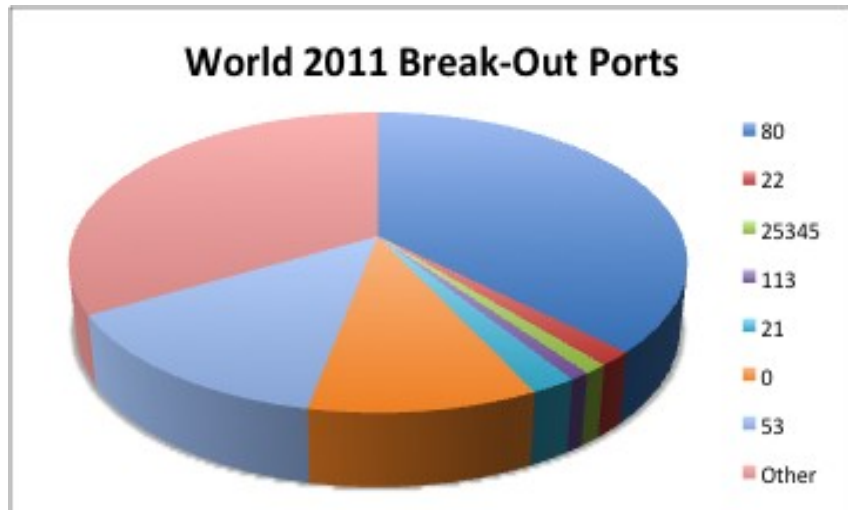
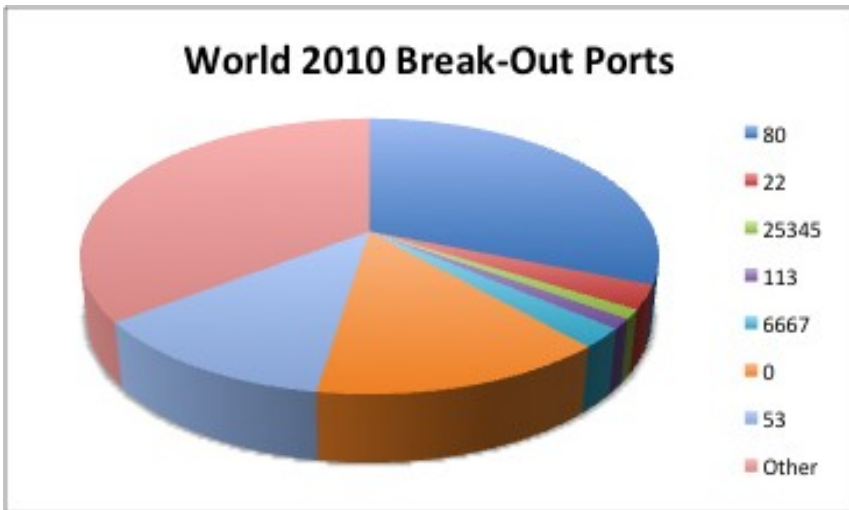


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Proportion of Attacks Targeting Port 80 Increases

- § In 2009, 19.6% of monitored attacks targeted port 80.
- § In 2010 this had increased to 31%, and so far in 2011 we are at 37.3%.

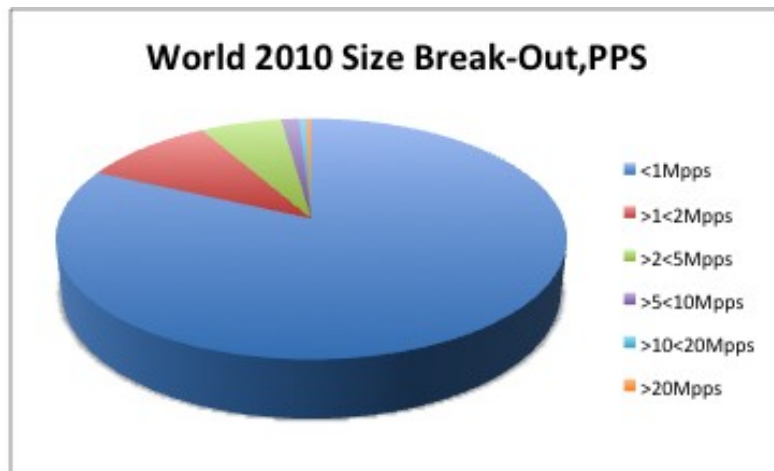
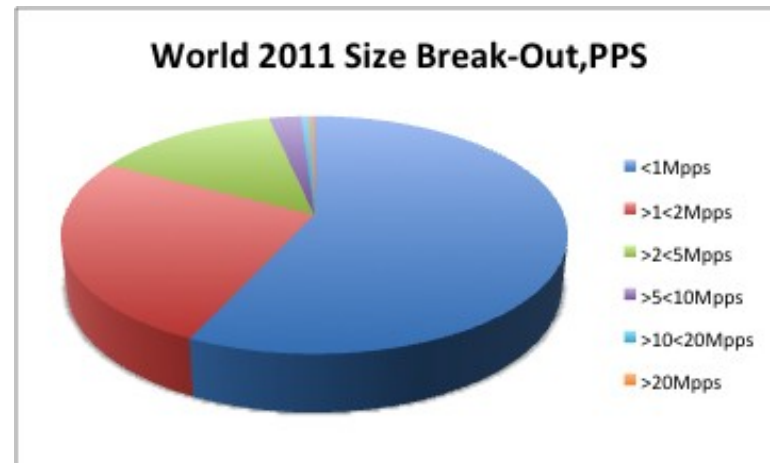
- § Attacks targeting fewer ports
 - § 80 and 53 most prevalent.
- § 75% drop in proportion of attacks over 10Gb/sec (port 80), from 2010 – still 47% up from 2009.



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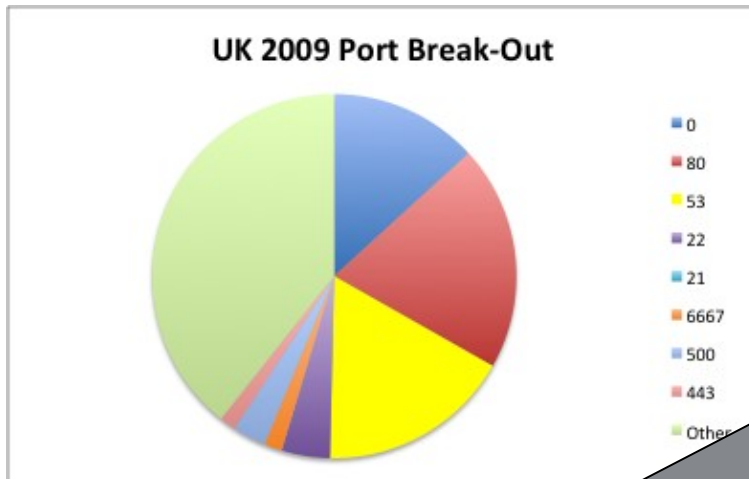
Average size of Attacks Targeting Port 53 Increase

- § Proportion of monitored attacks targeting port 53 stays roughly the same.
- § 58.9% drop in proportion of attacks over 10Mpps from 2010, still up 42.9% from 2009.



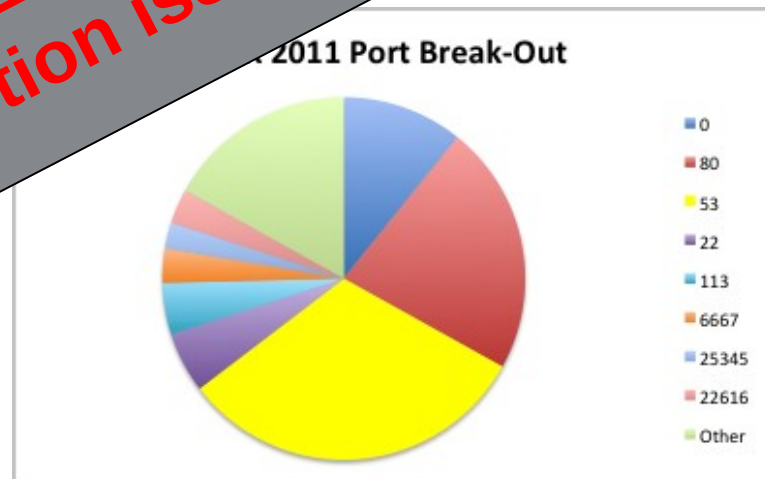
- § Overall, average attack sizes shifting up.
- § Largest monitored attacks so far this year:
 - § 46.5Mpps
 - § 21.36Gbps

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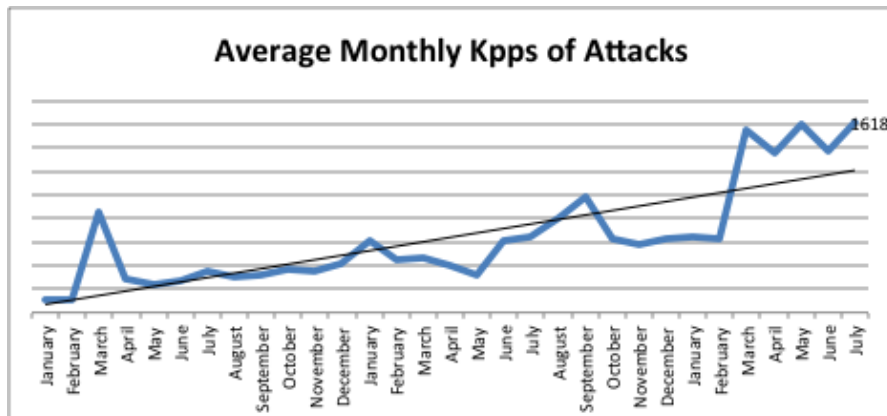
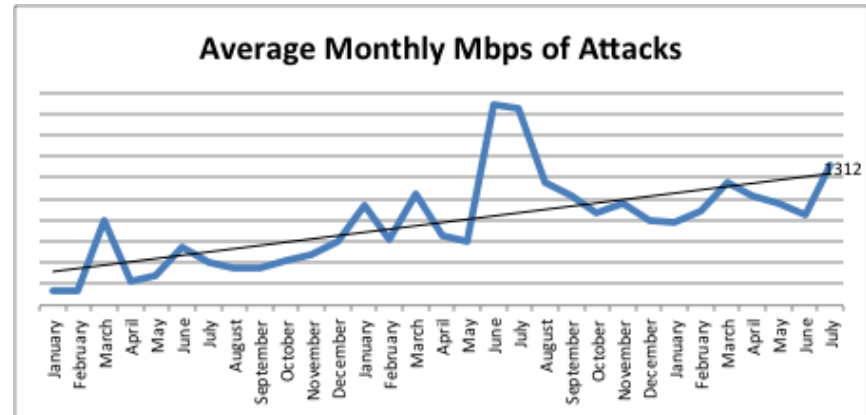
UK Data for 1H 2011 affected by data-collection issue

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Attack Growth trend in Mbps and Kpps

§ Average monthly monitored attack size since start of 2009.

§ Average attack is 1.31Gbps / 1.62Mpps, July 2011



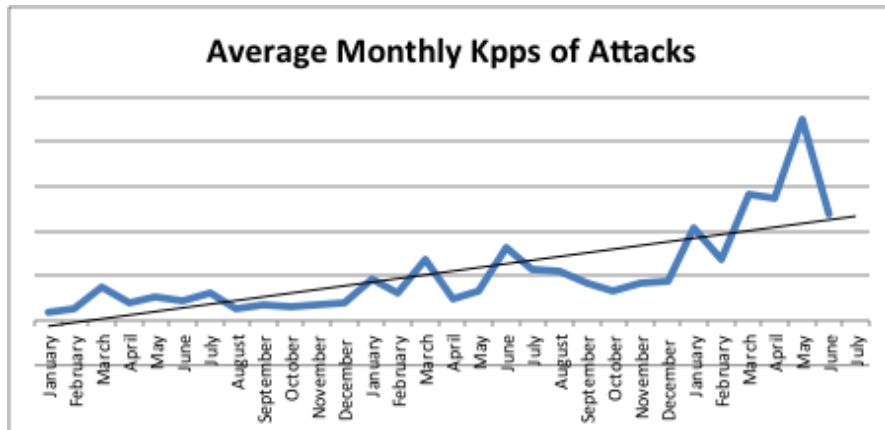
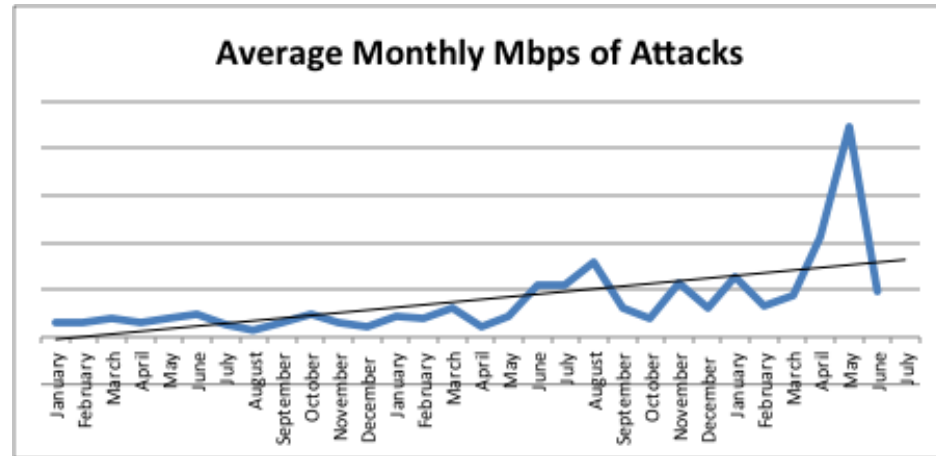
§ Average attacks sizes have grown by 40.6% / 165.7% since start of 2010

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UK Attack Growth trend in Mbps and Kpps

§ Average monthly attack size since start of 2009.

§ Average attack is 481.76Mbps / 1.18Mpps, June 2011



§ Average attacks sizes have grown by 233% / 1180% since start of 2009

§ Spike in May due to a data-collection problem.

2011 ATLAS Initiative : Application Layer Attacks

Continuing to see more application layer attacks

- § Arbor customers are detecting / mitigating more application layer attacks:
 - § Predominantly targeting HTTP
- § Common attack vectors:
 - § HTTP GET flood attacks
 - § Multiple botnets capable of this.
 - § Numerous evolutions of Slowloris / SlowPOST attacks
- § Starting to see instances of people using tools with more advanced vectors such as TCP window manipulation / Persist timer attacks, Apache Killer, RefRef etc..
- § Increased use of volumetric / state-exhaustion attacks to obfuscate application layer attack vector.

ATLAS Initiative: Key Points

- § Majority of attacks are still small (< 1Gbps / < 1Mpps)
 - § Proportion of attacks less than 1Gbps / 1Mpps is falling
 - § UK following this world-wide trend.
- § Proportion of attacks in 2011 over 10Gb/sec seems to be falling, but...
 - § Proportion of attacks over 10Mpps is increasing.
 - § Have to wait and see for the rest of 2011....
- § Largest monitored attack in 2011 (so far) of 65.3Gb/sec & 71.3Mpps
 - § Few large attacks monitored for UK.
- § 70% of attacks last less than one hour, 77% in UK.
- § Average attacks sizes growing world-wide, and for the UK.
- § More application layer attacks detected / mitigated.



**Questions?
Thank You**

