

### IoT as an Attack Vector

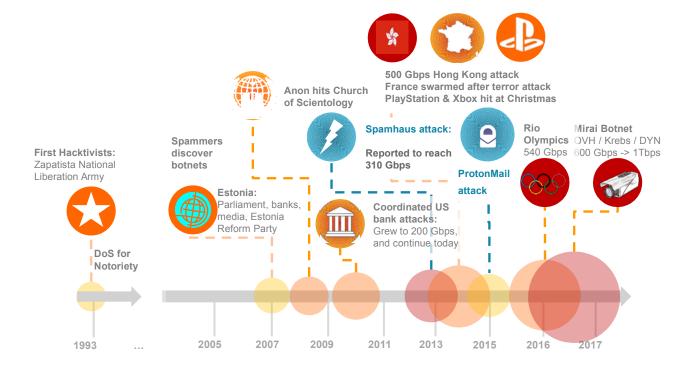
The DDoS Game Changer!

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## IoT-Based DDoS Dominates the Headlines!...





# DDoS Evolving - "DoT" ups the Challenge

- Gartner, Inc. forecasts that Internet connected things will exceed 20 billion by 2020
- Mirai malware code made public in Oct 2016 spreads to devices with factory default or hard-coded usernames and passwords
- Countless attack vectors and attack types out in the wild - Newly discovered ELF IMEIJ.A and Amnesia malware
- New techniques, multi-vector attacks, DDoS-for-hire services, coupled with unlimited motivations create a volatile DDoS landscape



Friend or Foe?

http://www.gartner.com/newsroom/id/3165317

#### Mirai - The Game Changer



 Hacker forum confirms Mirai link to attacks that started this DDoS revolution

 And announcement of the source code being published online, enabling many of the Mirai attacks and derivatives seen since!

 Lightbulb moment that inspired a whole new generation and scale of DDoS attacks



#### Mirai Botnet Overview



- **Bot** (written in C) targets IoT devices with BusyBox embedded Linux
- Compromised Devices establish **CnC** connection back, to join the Bot
- Existing infected devices also scan for new victims
- New Victims compromised using default username-password list
- **ScanListen** Process (written in GO) listens for bot reporting new victims root/xc3511 root/vizxv

root/admin

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new victim

#### **Mirai Attack Armoury**



Multiple pre-loaded DDoS attack vectors to choose from:

```
0 /* Straight up UDP flood */
#define ATK VEC UDP
#define ATK VEC VSE
                         1 /* Valve Source Engine query flood */
#define ATK VEC DNS
                         2 /* DNS water torture targeting DNS Server */
#define ATK VEC SYN
                         3 /* SYN flood with options */
#define ATK_VEC_ACK
                         4 /* ACK flood */
#define ATK VEC STOMP
                         5 /* ACK flood with crude mitigation evasion */
#define ATK VEC GREIP
                         6 /* GRE IP flood */
#define ATK VEC GREETH
                         7 /* GRE Ethernet flood */
//#define ATK VEC PROXY
                           8 /* Proxy knockback connection */
                         9 /* Plain UDP flood optimized for speed */
#define ATK VEC UDP PLAIN
#define ATK VEC HTTP
                         10 /* HTTP layer 7 GET flood */
```

Easy for derivatives to modify or include additional vectors

#### **New Malware/Botnets Leveraging IoT**



- ELF\_IMEIJ.A1 Targeting AVTech Cameras
  - 130,000 Vulnerable devices, of just one device type!
  - cgi-bin script pings random IPs searching for vulnerable devices
  - Uses reported CloudSetup.cgi command injection vulnerability
    - Tricks device into downloading and changing file's permissions to execute it locally



- Leverages remote code execution vulnerability, unpatched since March 2016
- 227,000 Known Vulnerable Devices from same OEM manufacturer
- Includes Malware Analysis Sandbox Evasion Techniques
- Spreads by scanning for new devices to infect similar to Mirai





<sup>1</sup> Originally Discovered by Trend Mirco Researchers in October 2016

#### The Answer - Community Responsibility?





Carriers can do more to enable 'clean pipe' to their downstream subscribers – cleaning up attack traffic as well as ensuring that compromised devices on their access network are quickly identified and remediated



Device Manufacturers must put security measures in place. E.g. No device should connect to the Internet 'out of the box'



May require government legislation forcing Carriers and Manufactures of IoT devices alike to work toward eliminating the problem

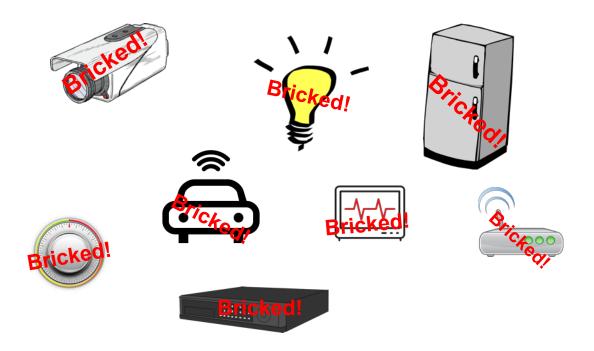


Can the security industry do more – for example the newly formed IoT Cybersecurity Alliance?

#### Probably not the Answer – BrickerBot!



Vigilante Mirai-like Bot, disabling poorly secured IoT devices!







Questions?





## Thank You!

