

### Anti-DDoS Attacks— Are we ready?

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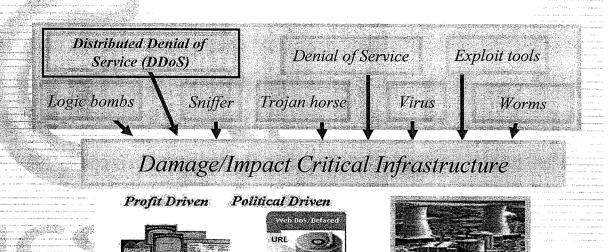


- The threat of DDoS Attacks from recent cases
- The 3 "E" s Anti-DDoS Attacks Strategies
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#### Critical Infrastructure Face Various Cyber Threat

• Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Warning of terrorist cyber attacks against our critical infrastructure have also increased.



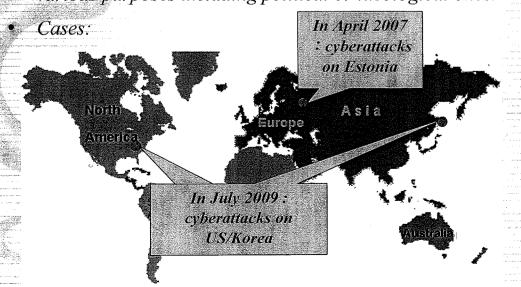
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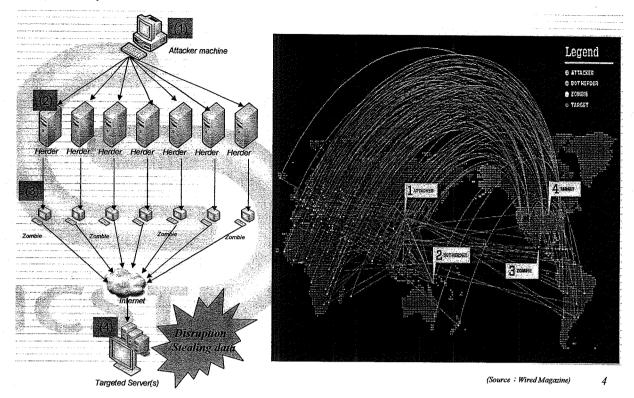
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#### The threat of DDoS Attacks - from recent cases

 DDoS attacks have been launched against governments for various purposes including political or ideological ones.



### S What is DDoS Attack





### S 2007 cyberattacks on Estonia (1/2)

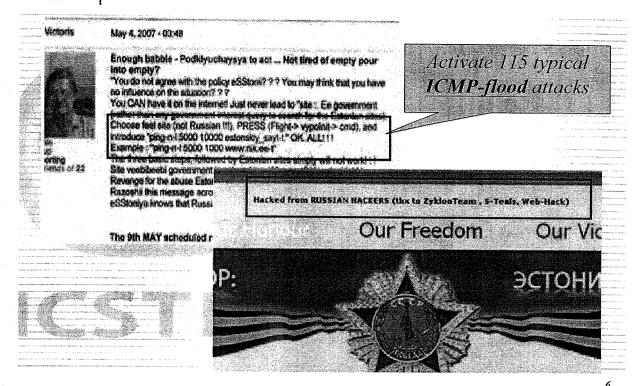
- A series of cyber attacks were launched against Estonian government and commercial websites.
- At least 128 separate attacks on nine different websites in Estonia.
- Some of the attacks lasted more than 10 hours.
- Most of the attacks were launched using botnets comprised of many thousands of ordinary computers.
- Estonia's computer emergency response team (EE-CERT) acted swiftly and, in collaboration with partners from the international community, and was able to weather a very serious attack with little damage.
- The attack was primarily defended through filtering blocking connections from outside Estonia.

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### 2007 cyberattacks on Estonia (2/2)





### **S** 2009 cyberattacks on **\*\*** & **\*\*** (1/2)





- A series of coordinated cyber attacks against major government, news media, and financial websites in South Korea and the United States.
- The attacks involved the activation of a botnet—a large number of zombies—that maliciously accessed targeted websites with the intention of causing their servers to overload due to the influx of traffic, known as a DDoS attack.
- Most of the zombies were located in South Korea. The estimated number of the zombies around 20,000 according to the South Korean National Intelligence Service.
- The timing and targeting of the attacks have led to suggestions that they may be originating from the North Korea, although these suggestions have not been substantiated.



# **S** 2009 cyberattacks on **\*\*\*** & **\*\*\*** (2/2)





Timeline	July 4, 2009	July 7, 2009	July 9, 2009	
Targets	Both the	Affecting South	South Korea, including the	
	United States	Korea: the	country's National	
	and South	presidential Blue	Intelligence Service as we	
	Korea:	House, the	as one of its largest banks	
	including the	Ministry of	and a major news agency.	
	White House	Defense, the	The U.S. State Departmen	
	and The	Ministry of Public	said that its website also	
	Pentagon.	Administration	came under attack.	
		and Security.		
Effects	• a complete line	Witing wath on the		
111Jects	<ul><li>causing disruption, rather than stealing data.</li><li>no immediate reports of financial damage</li></ul>			
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### S Are we ready?



Q: If we encounter the similar attacks, how to deal with the large scale attacks? A: No single silver bullet, But.... need Anti-DDoS measures !



#### The 3 "E" s Anti-DDoS Attacks Strategies

- The work of Anti-DDoS attacks needs comprehensive and continuous response
- The 3 "E" s Strategies of Anti-DDoS attacks
  - **Engineering:** utilize network devices including firewall, IDS and Application Delivery Controller(ADC) etc. to establish front-line of defense
    - Enforcement: implement Anti-DDoS attacks incident response mechanism, local and international cooperation to make quick response
    - **Education**: enhance Anti-DDoS attacks awareness, response drill and lesson learn

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# Strategy 1—Engineering



• Product: need automatic systems/tools

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Attacks Method	Probability	Firewall	IPS	ADC
ICMP Flood	High	0	0	0
UDP Flood	High	0	<b></b>	1 Francisco
-SYM Flood	High	$\triangle$ -O	0	
ACK/RST Flood	Medium	0	0	
Connection Flood	Low		$\bigcirc - \bigcirc$	
Zombie Flood	Medium .		0-0	
SSL Flood	Low	Δ		$\triangle - \bigcirc$
Http Flood	High	Δ	Δ-Ο	$\triangle$ – $\bigcirc$
Application Flood	Low	Δ	Δ-0	

## Strategy 1—Engineering

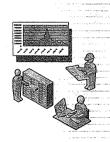


- Procedure: need well defined Incident Handling SOP
- Recommended DDoS Handle procedures (for Web administrator)
  - 1. Register backup IP address, during under attacks, through DNS swap to the backup IP address
  - 2. Be familiar with ISP capability via monitor system provide the prompt alert information
  - 3. As per DDoS attacks, use firewall or router or other methods to block/redirect IP address and web flow
  - 4. Cooperate with 3rd parties including ISP and ISP of attack resource
  - 5. Web administrator can add extra reserve IP address and remove the services from the victim server

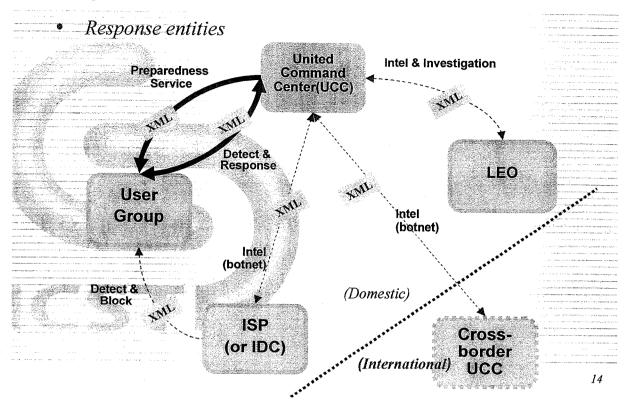
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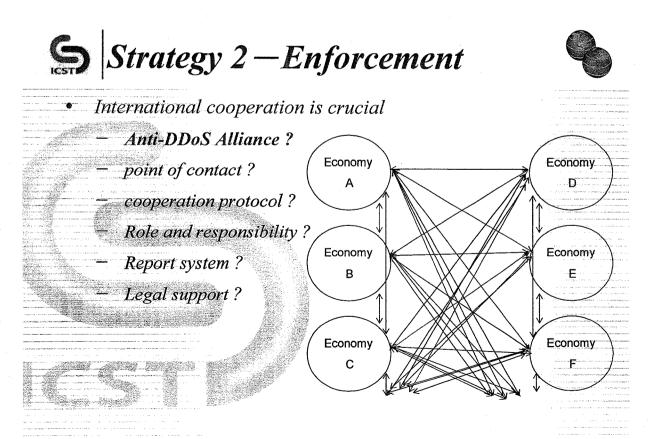
# Strategy 1—Engineering

- People: need the following response skill
  - Pre-process
  - Collect information
  - Sniff packets
  - Request ISP or IDC assistance
  - Request cross-border entity assistance
  - Take blocking
  - Report to LE
    - Lesson learn



## Strategy 2—Enforcement







#### Strategy 3—Education

**APCERT DRILL 2007** 

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Beijing 2008



Date: 22<sup>tot</sup> December 2007

- Participation teams:
- Malaysia MyCERT
- Australia Australia
- Brusei BruCERT
- China CXCERT
- Singapore SingCERT Thailand ThaiCERT
- Hore Kong HKCIRT
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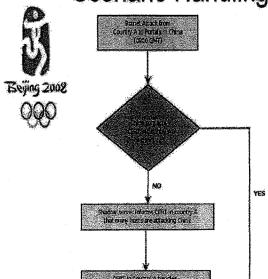
#### Timeline

- 0700 Lord of Armageddon (LoA) declare cyber war on Beijing Olympics
- 0900 Co-ordinated botnet attacks from AP region causing media sites and government portals inaccessible
- 1100 Spam containing malware that turns PC into zombies were filling up mailboxes in AP economies
- 1300 Border and Core routers crashing and rebooting frequently. 0-day exploit for Cisco IOS rumoured to be available. Cisco promise to release fix in a few hours
- 1430 Cisco released patch and advisory on critical IOS vulnerability
- 1600 Security analysts announced that bots automagically removed themselves, no more



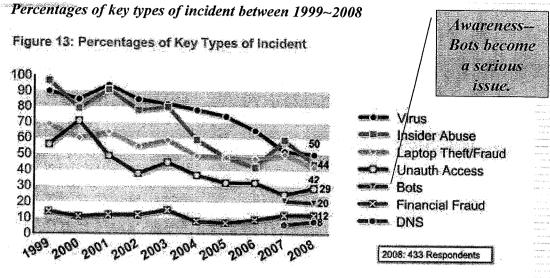
#### Strategy 3—Education

Scenario Handling





#### Strategy 3—Education



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## S Conclusion

- My security relies on your security. Every
  economies can not avoid the cross-border DDoS
  attacks.
- Asia-Pacific economics may refer to 3 "E" s strategies to improve anti-DDoS capability.
- The anti-DDoS attacks of APEC based on international cooperation should be a best practice for future opportunity.