### **Detecting and Mitigating DDoS**

### A FastNetMon use case



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## Why are we targets?





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# The good, the bad and the ugly



## The good

### cloud mitigation provider

- six scrubbing centers across the globe
- 3 Tbps of mitigation bandwidth
- BGP: advertise the target /24, receive legit traffic via clean pipe





## The bad

## NOC or on call find out about DDoS attack with a site-down alert





## The ugly

detecting takes too long all dependent on humans :(





## How to improve detection?





## Open-Source recipe

- FastNetMon: main core of our solution. DDoS analyzer with sflow/netflow/mirror support
- InfluxDB: Scalable data store for metrics, events, and real-time analytics.
- Grafana: Gorgeous metric viz, dashboards & editors
- Redis: An in-memory database that persists on disk.
- Morgoth: Metric anomaly detection for Influx databases
- BIRD: a fully functional dynamic IP routing daemon
- Net Healer: experimental code to "glue" all moving parts, trigger actions and provide API





## How does it work?





### Cycle **DDoS Attack started**



Net Healer watches Redis DB if the attack report(s) match a policy, trigger an action



### FNM quiescence: 15s per /32

FastNetMon detect the attack ban = add /32 attack report on Redis DB

### Net Healer Policies example: (in a time period of 5 min)

if attack reports = 2 then trigger on call if attack reports >=4 then inject /24 route

if attack report = 1 + anomaly detected (morgoth) then trigger on call + inject /24 route

time window / policies can be customized



### Why Net Healer?

- FNM relies on pre-configured thresholds
- Hard to predict realistic thresholds since our traffic is influenced by our customer's activity (out of our control)
- To avoid false positives we prefer to trigger different actions based on each attack cycle.
- Allows quick integrations like Morgoth x FNM consensus, or API calls such as Pagerduty, etc.





### Why InfluxDB?

- Speaks graphite protocol (compatible with FastNetMon)
- Drop in binary simple install
- Supports cluster mode easy to scale



### Why Morgoth?

- Implements non-gaussian algorithm (MGOF) to detect anomaly on data stream metrics
- Takes InfluxDB (bps/pps) fingerprints every chunk of 10s
- Compares the actual fingerprint with the past learned traffic
- Anomaly detected? create an alert entry and a graph vertical markdown



### Why BIRD?

- synced with linux kernel routing table
- if a route is added on a separate linux routing table, BIRD will learn this route and advertise it to DDoS scrubbing center
- friendly to Network Engineers (birdc)



## How does it look?









### 🕈 Anomaly pps 🗹 🕈 Attack Warning 🗹 Attack Critical 🕈 Anomaly bps 🗹 IAD1 - Traffic Bandwidth



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### 1 - Flow amount

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/24 breakdown - Incoming bps





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	12:15:00	12:15:30	12:16:00
	max	avg	current -
	294 Mbps	11 Mbps	46 Mbps
	108 Mbps	32 Mbps	20 Mbps
	84 Mbps	19 Mbps	15 Mbps
	25 Mbps	6 Mbps	4 Mbps
	14 Mbps	3 Mbps	2 Mbps
	14 Mbps	4 Mbps	1 Mbps
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### Work in progress

all the ingredients on this recipe are open source

About Net Healer: experimental Ruby code ideas, issues and pull requests are **more** than **welcome** 

### Join FastNetMon mail list

- https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/fastnetmon

### **Contribute at Net Healer github**

- <u>https://github.com/zenvdeluca/net\_healer</u>





### Thank you !

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