

DDoS Mitigation & SP/LEO contacts

How do ISPs work internally and externally ?

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TierX SPs' organisation

- **SPs range from "one man show" to large int'l operations**
- **AUP and telco&SP license define/restrict the scope of investigation/"debug" allowed**
- **Various groups are usually involved**
 - **Network Operations**
 - **NOC**
 - **Abuse**
 - **Security Operations (if not dedicated to MS)**
 - **Network Engineering**
 - **Network team**
 - **Security team**
- **What's the size of those teams ?**
- **What can they do / what kind of access do they have ?**

Available data

- **Administrative**
 - Public RIR data
 - Internal RIR/IP allocation data
 - Customer profiles
- **AAA**
 - AAA from dial-in/*DSL users/portals
- **Traffic data**
 - Bandwidth reports
 - Netflow tele-metry data (“headers” only)
 - ACLs logs
- **Data you and LEO would love to have**
 - Full packet dumps (DPI)
 - MITM/stepping stones to fiddle with the client/server
 - The malware

Mitigation information sharing

- **Internally**
 - **99% of DDoS attacks handled by NetOps**
 - **A few escalations to Engineering**
 - Large attacks impacting IP/MPLS core backbone
 - High profile customer
 - **Abuse team to convince customer to share malware?**
- **Externally**
 - **Limited information sharing with vetted groups**
 - Because this data is for mitigation, not prosecution
 - Trust model with known peers
 - Very limited leaks
 - **With LEO: “Go by the book”**
 - Internal Legal&Regulatory group involvement
 - “Confidential Informant” status ?
 - Slow process vs fast moving attack(er)s
 - Teaching the LEO about technology 101
 - The Internet vs int'l borders
 - Works best with long lasting “attacks”

What's going to change (maybe)

- **EU Data Retention**
 - (Mostly) well defined interfaces and policies
- **Push for LI (Lawful Intercept)**
 - Up to now mostly TDM/PSTN Voice only
 - Some countries already have IP/Data LI laws
 - Most EU countries “working on it”
- **A challenge for large int'l telco/SPs**
 - One LIDR Ops team ? Is this “legal” ?
 - The DDoS/malware fighter is usually “hiding”
 - Willing to help, but not officially
 - Usually bypassing the companies' rules
 - “Playing” with customer traffic
 - May loose his job if there's a leak
- **DDoS are no news to SPs. Don't forget other threats**
- **What's the business case of all this ?**