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# T3.2: Piloting a DDoS Clearing House for Europe

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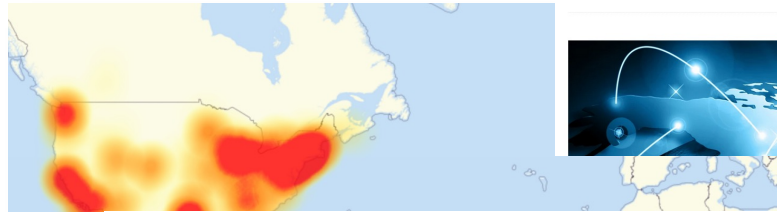
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# DDoS attacks remain relevant

Mirai botnet, 2016



February 2023

## Cloudflare blocks record-breaking 71 million RPS DDoS attack



## Akamai Mitigates Record DDoS Attack in Asia-Pacific (900 Gbps)

Craig Sparling  
March 08, 2023



Following last summer's [record-setting attacks](#) on Europe, the distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) threat landscape continues to morph and intensify.

March 2023

The Netherlands, September 2020



House of Representatives of The Netherlands, Oct 2020

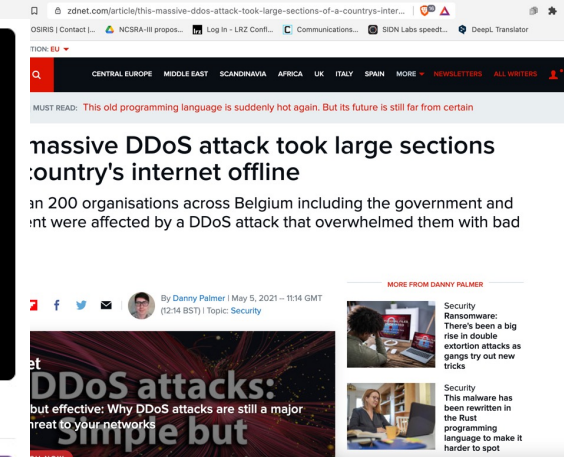


Door Lennart 't Hart

12 sep 2022 om 20:29  
Update: 6 maanden geleden

213 reacties

DigiD was maandagavond urenlang beperkt beschikbaar vanwege een storing. De website werd geteisterd door ddos-aanvallen. Veel gebruikers



Belgium, May 2021

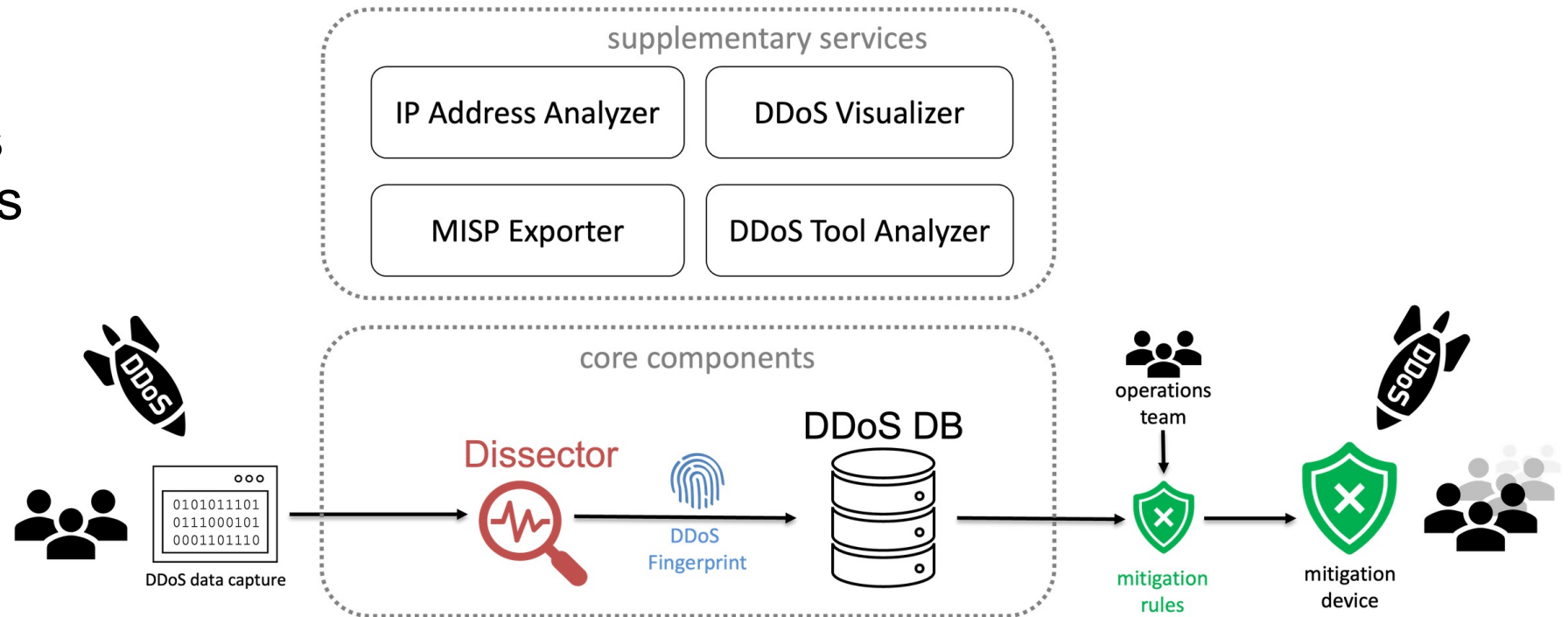
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# Problem statement

- Mature DDoS mitigation services (e.g., scrubbing), routinely handling large numbers of DDoS attacks
- **BUT no sharing of DDoS data and expertise across organizations**
  - Limited victim-specific view worsens response time and learning
  - Reduces innovation of mitigation processes and systems at ecosystem level
  - DDoS data “stuck” in systems of (US-based) DDoS mitigation providers
- Increases probability of societal disruptions, especially through critical (cyberphysical) systems (cf. WP2)

# DDoS Clearing House concept

- Continuous and automatic sharing of **DDoS fingerprints**, buys providers time (proactive)
- **Extends DDoS protection services** that service providers use and does not replace them
- Generic concept: across sectors, Member States, business units, etc.





# DDoS Fingerprint



fingerprint a38e5062b69fd7b8c5194fa7698398a7

```
{
  attack_vectors: [
    {
      service: "HTTP"
      protocol: "TCP"
      source_port: 80
      fraction_of_attack: 1.0
      destination_ports: "random"
      TCP_flags: {
        ...A....: 0.989
      }
      nr_flows: 5077
      nr_packets: 20308000
      nr_megabytes: 30599
      time_start: "2022-01-23 01:28:00"
      time_end: "2022-01-23 01:29:56"
      duration_seconds: 116
      source_ips: [
        "192.168.1.1"
        "192.168.1.2"
        "192.168.1.3"
        "192.168.1.4"
      ]
    }
  ]
  target: "Anonymous"
  tags: [
    "TCP"
    "TCP ACK flag attack"
  ]
  key: "a38e5062b69fd7b8c5194fa7698398a7"
  time_start: "2022-01-23 01:28:00"
  duration_seconds: 116
  total_flows: 5077
  total_megabytes: 30599
  total_packets: 20308000
  total_ips: 4
  avg_bps: 2110318068
  avg_pps: 175068
  avg_Bpp: 1506
  submitter: "thijs"
  submit_timestamp: "2022-01-25T13:50:13.818348"
  shareable: False
}
```

# Key innovations

- Bridge the **multidisciplinary gap** to deployment
- **Open-source** design: proven in pilots, documented in a *cookbook*
- Operates across **heterogeneous networks**, offers extensible services
- ★ EC Innovation radar 2021
- ★ Key CONCORDIA results



[github.com/ddos-clearing-house](https://github.com/ddos-clearing-house)

# Dutch Anti-DDoS Coalition

- 18 cross-sectoral critical infrastructure operators in NL
- Sharing DDoS expertise and knowledge
- Sharing DDoS data through Clearing House
- Large-scale DDoS drills (Red teaming)
- Small-scale DDoS drills (Testbed)

[nomoreddos.org](https://nomoreddos.org)





# Two coalitions – two and a half pilots

- Dutch Anti-DDoS Coalition (TRL 8)
  - Shared 270 *real* fingerprints through DDoS-DB
  - External collaboration
  - Iteratively improve the platform
- Italian Anti-DDoS Coalition (TRL 7)
  - Telecom Italia + university of Torino
  - Internal and external collaboration
  - Share fingerprints via MISP
- Testbed (TRL 6)
  - pilot with simulated data



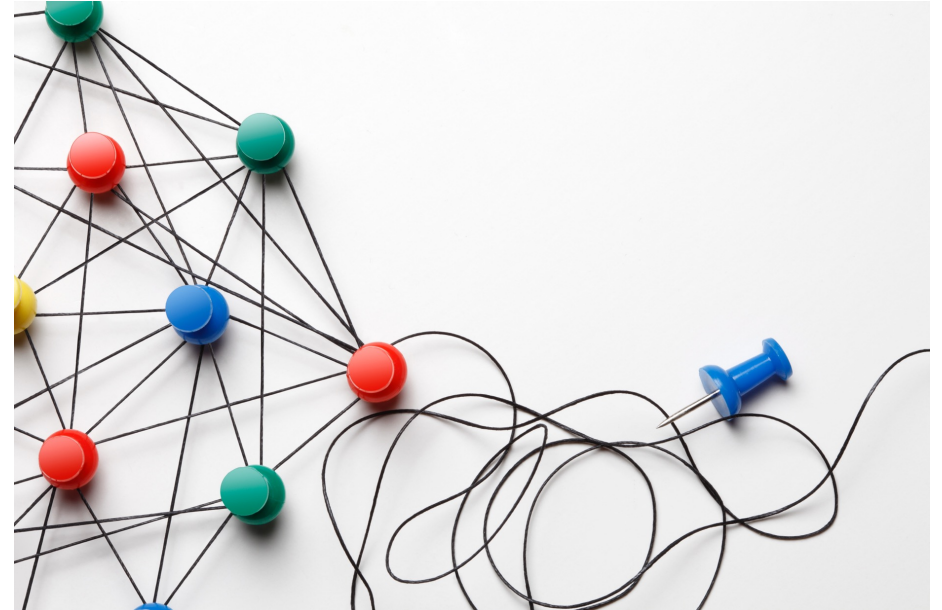
# DDoS Clearing House Cookbook

- Documentation of the DDoS Clearing House
- Template agreements / contracts
- Description of pilots
- Notes on implementation
- Lessons learned
- [ddosclearinghouse.eu/cookbook](https://ddosclearinghouse.eu/cookbook)



# Connecting the Threat Intel Platform

- CONCORDIA Threat Intelligence Platform
  - T3.1 Incident Clearing House
  - T3.2 DDoS Clearing House
  - MISP
- MISP DDoS Fingerprint object
- DDoS-DB – MISP connection
- Demo video coming soon





# Looking ahead: beyond CONCORDIA

- Production-level services for Dutch ADC
  - DDoS Clearing House (at NBIP)
  - Testbed for small-scale drills (at Tax & Customs Admin)
  - Contracts currently being finalized
- Dissemination of the DDoS Clearing House Cookbook
- Submit a paper to IEEE Communications Magazine



# Thank you!



## Q&A

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