

# Advanced DDoS Defenses for Data Center Providers

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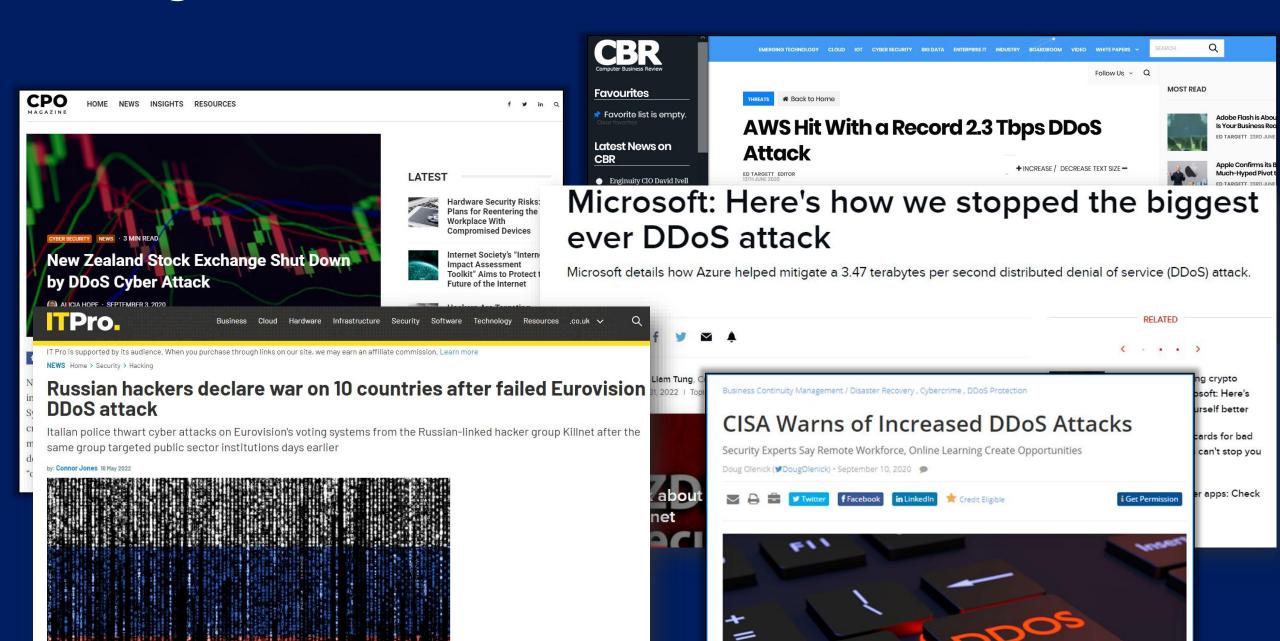


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## Huge DDoS Attacks Continue To Make Headlines



## Most Attacks are Small, Frequent, and Target Downstream Subscribers

341%

Increase in DDoS Attacks



Reported DDoS attacks that were under 10 Gbps

1,400

Attacks per Day against a large Cloud Provider



Can only blackhole suspicious IP traffic

#### Sources:

IDC :

Pulse Survey "Core Network Investments for Rural Broadband"
"Annual Threat Report 2020", NexusGuard, June 2021

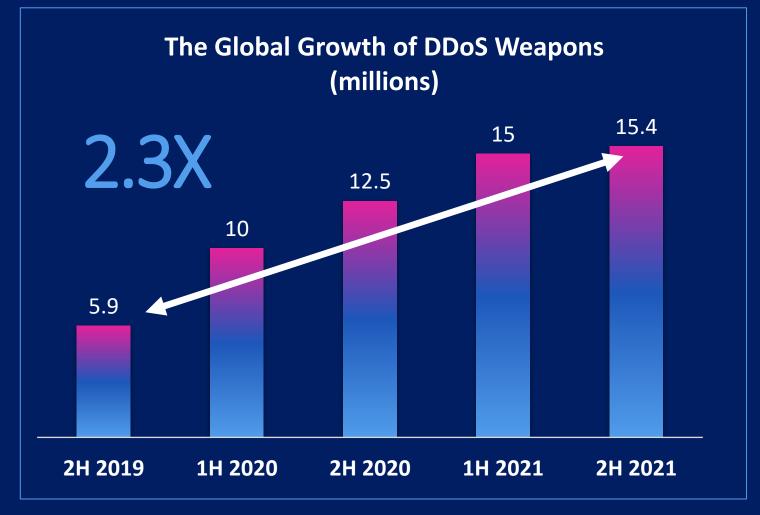
## ... Using Millions of Available Weapons Globally



Unique DDoS Weapons
Tracked by A10 Networks

Approximately

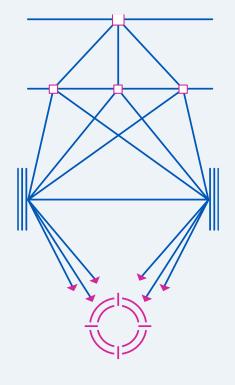
15.4 Million



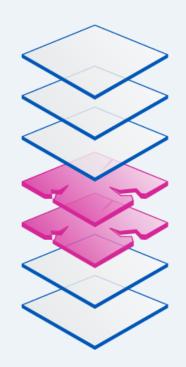
Source: 2022 A10 Networks DDoS Threat Report

## Three Main Types of DDoS Attacks

#### **Volumetric Attacks**



#### **Network Protocol**

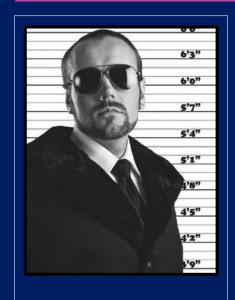


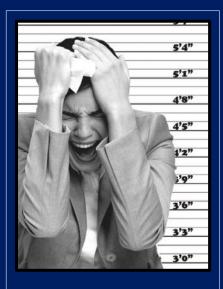
#### **Application Attacks**

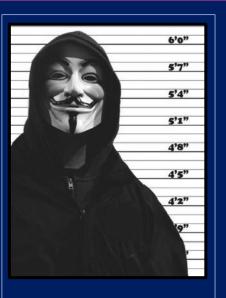


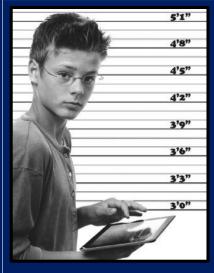
## DDoS Attacks Can Be Launched Anytime, Anywhere, by Anyone

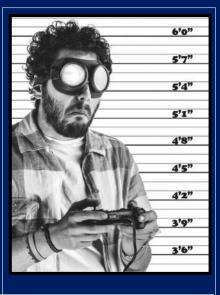
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Cyber Criminal Disgruntled Employee

Hacktivist

Script Kiddie

Gamer

Reflected Amplification Attack



The ongoing conflict in Ukraine - an example of state-sponsored cyber warfare using DDoS

Heat map showing DDoS attacks on multiple targets in Ukraine

**UKRAINE** 

Kviv

Donetsk

2M Requests

2M Apple Remote Desktop (ARD) requests 34x
Amplification

30,622 ARD weapons 10% could generate 3.2TB 50% could generate 16TB In Ukraine, DDoS attacks were used by Russia to complement the physical confrontation on the ground

Data Center Provider DDoS Challenges

Business Challenges

Today's threats require constant vigilance

 Must combat sophisticated volumetric attacks AND meet tenants' protection demands

Limited resources to manage increased traffic and threats

DDoS attacks threaten business success

Operational Challenges

Complicated, manual operations

Slow response to attacks

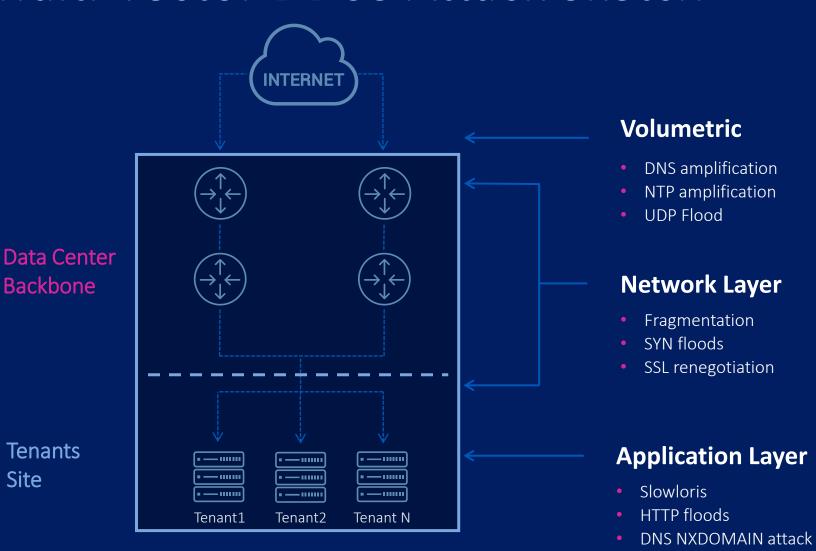
Mitigation scalability

Shortage of trained DDoS security staff



## DDoS Protection Strategies

### Multi-vector DDoS Attack Sketch



#### **Defense Techniques**

#### Network Edge/Backbone

- xFlow sampling-based detection
- Protection for high number of volumetric attacks and high PPS

#### **Tenant Site**

- Inline deployment inspecting all packets (always-on)
- Protection for volumetric, network & application attacks

Backbone

**Tenants** 

Site

## DDoS Attack Types and Vectors

#### **Attacks Types**

**IP Anomaly** 

**Protocol Anomaly** 

L3/L4 Volumetric

L4 Protocol

L4 Resource

SSL Protocol

**SSL** Resource

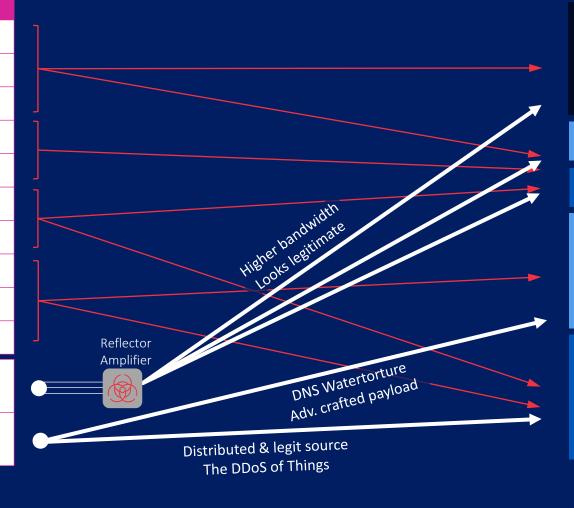
L7 Protocol

L7 Resource

L7 Flood

**Reflected Attack** 

**Botnets-based Attack** 



#### **Victim Areas**

#### Network/System Infrastructure

Bandwidth

Memory

CPU

Connections/ sockets

#### Network Layer - UDP

#### Network Layer - TCP

#### **Application Layer - UDP**

- DNS
- SIP
- QUIC
- Gaming

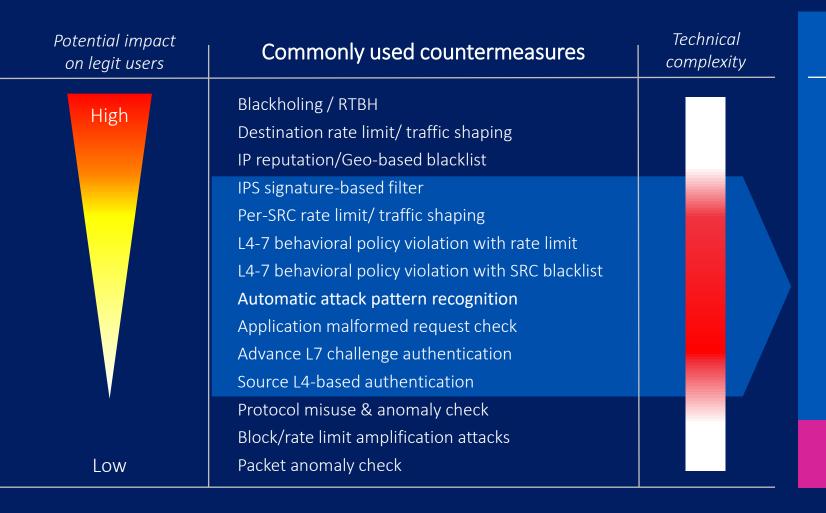
#### Application Layer - TCP

HTTP

- FTP
- HTTPS
- Gaming

SIP

## DDoS Attack Mitigation Techniques



#### **DDoS Mitigation Strategy**

- Precise tracking & anomaly detection
- Auto-updating threat intelligent list
- Comprehensive L4-7 countermeasures
- Automatic attack pattern recognition against zero-day attack

How to apply these countermeasures?

### Poll Question

- What is the biggest challenge you're experiencing with your current DDoS detection and mitigation solution?
  - 1. Can't scale/growing pains
  - 2. Can't adapt to evolving network technology
  - 3. Difficulty in maintaining service availability
  - 4. Sluggish performance speed
  - 5. Inadequate detection of attacks

## A10 DDoS Defense with Thunder Threat Protection System (TPS)®

## A10 DDoS Defense Solution Overview







- High performance and scalable platform for mitigation and detection
- Available in
  - hardware appliance powered by Intel® Xeon® CPU and FPGA
  - Virtual appliance
  - Public Cloud (Azure)

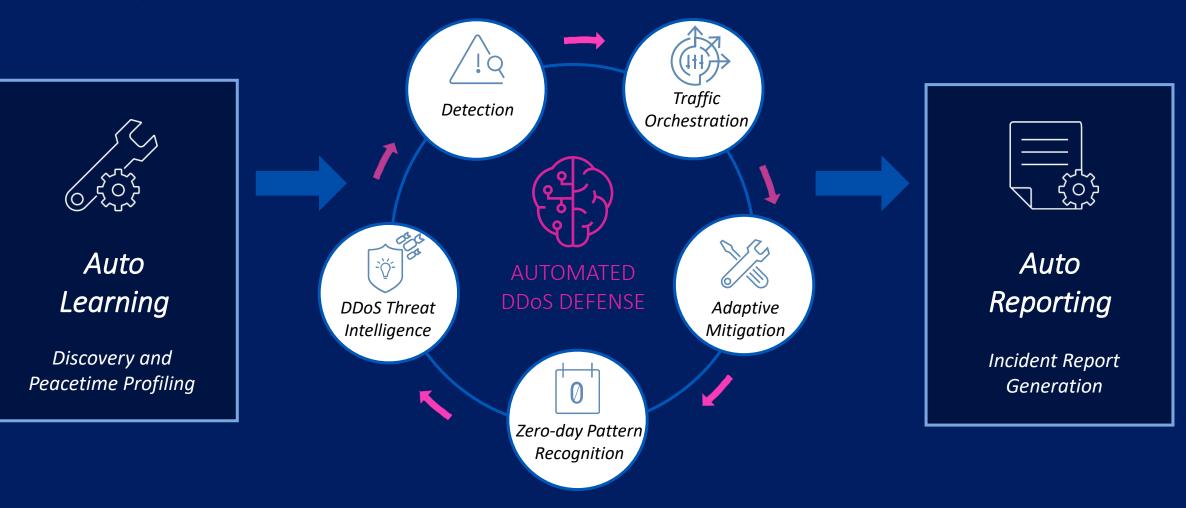
- Centralized management console and reporting
- Intelligent automaton as a DDoS defense orchestrator
- Subscriber portal for multitenancy
- Virtual appliance

- 24x7 DDoS Incident Response Support (DSIRT) incl. wartime support
- DDoS threat and weapon Intelligence



#### **Automated DDoS Defense**

## Intelligent Automation Across Full Protection Cycle

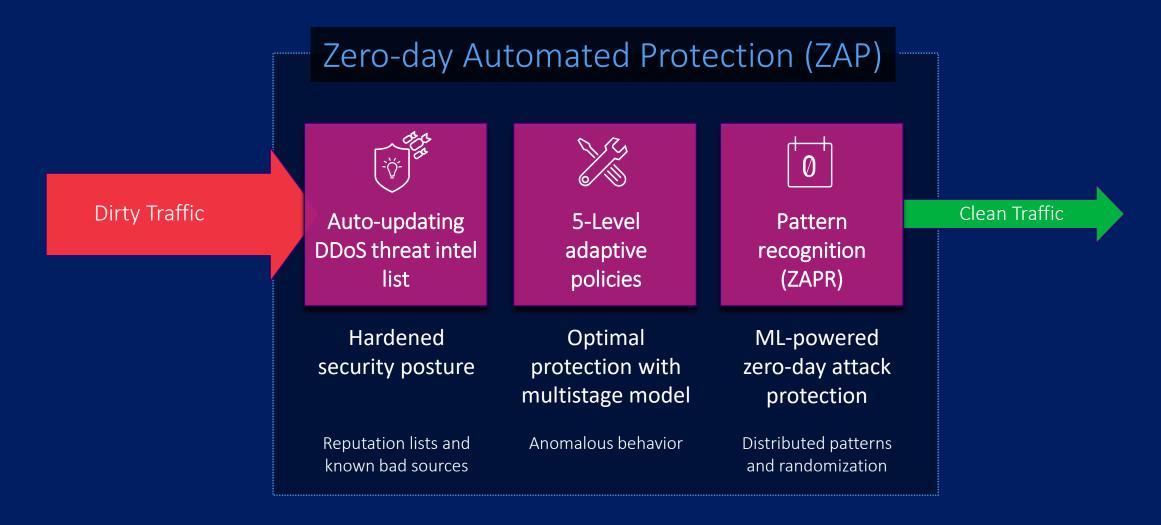


**Before** 

**During the Attack** 

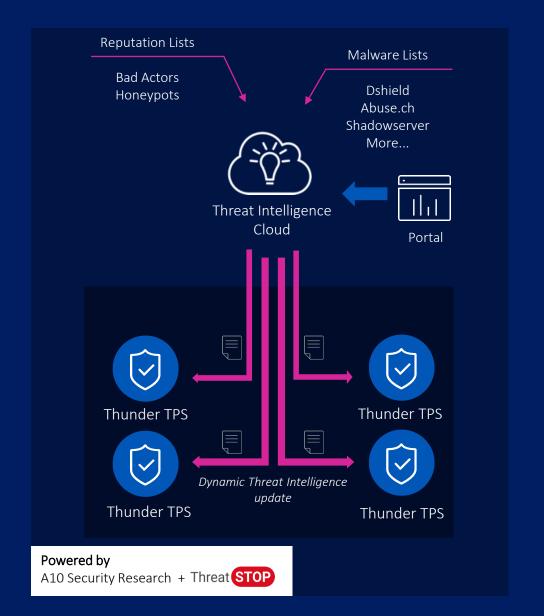
**After** 

## In-depth Defense With Multi-modal Mitigation



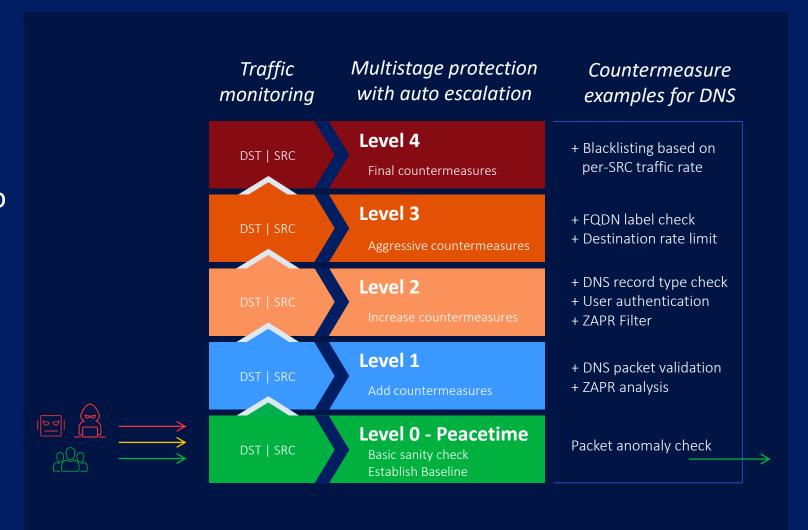
## Actionable DDoS Threat Intelligence

- Block known threats proactively using high quality DDoS threat lists
- Millions of collective list for DDoS threat
  - 60+ public, private, proprietary sources
  - Expand protection against botnets, C&C communications, reflection attacks
  - Automatic periodic update
- Practicable list capacity (up to 96M) on Thunder TPS

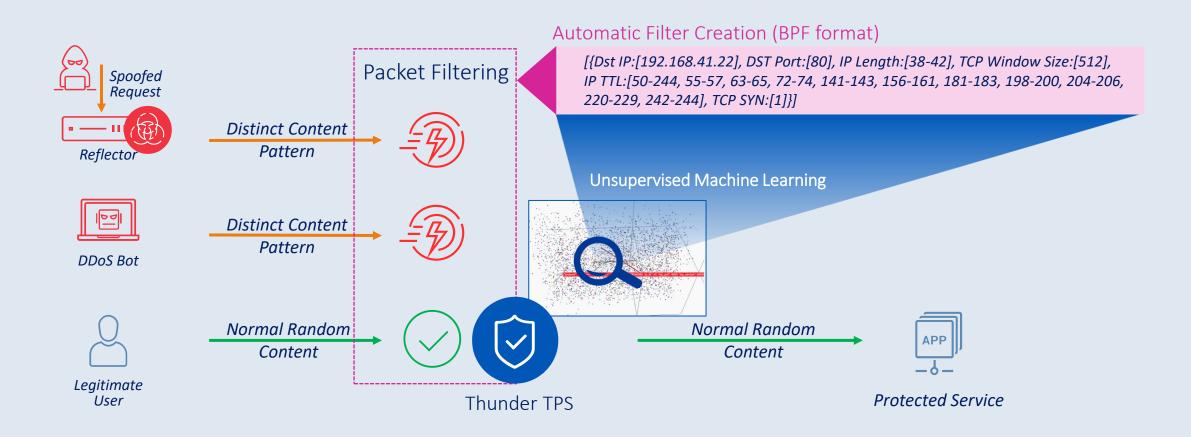


## 5-Level Adaptive Protection for Precision

- Auto level escalation depending on the degree & persistence of anomaly
- Operators have the option to manually intervene at any stage of an attack
- Minimize false positive & false negative

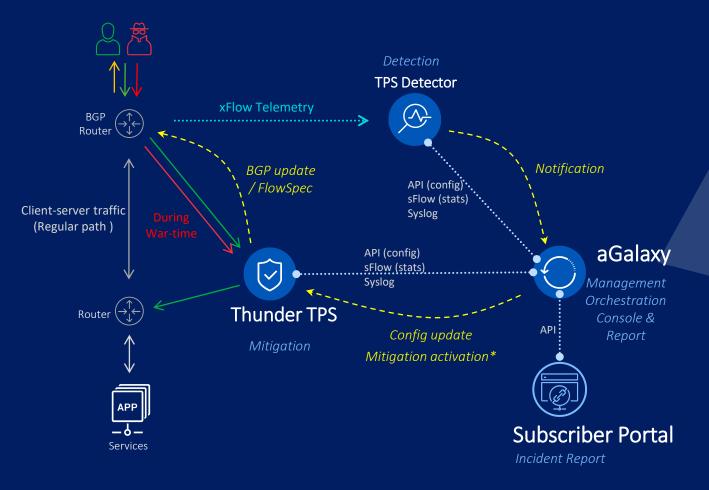


## Zero-day Attack Pattern Recognition (ZAPR)

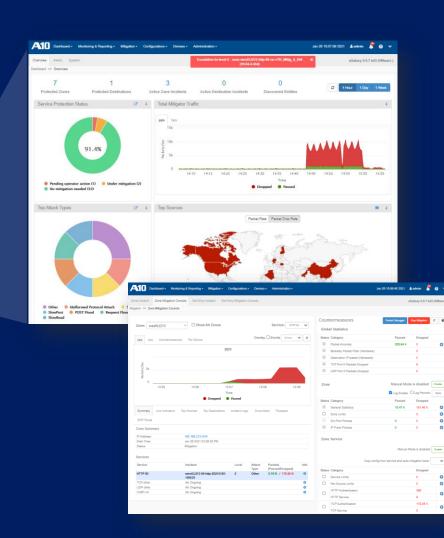


Intelligent & realtime mitigation against Zero-day DDoS attack

## aGalaxy - Automation & Management



DDoS Defense workflow in Reactive Deployment

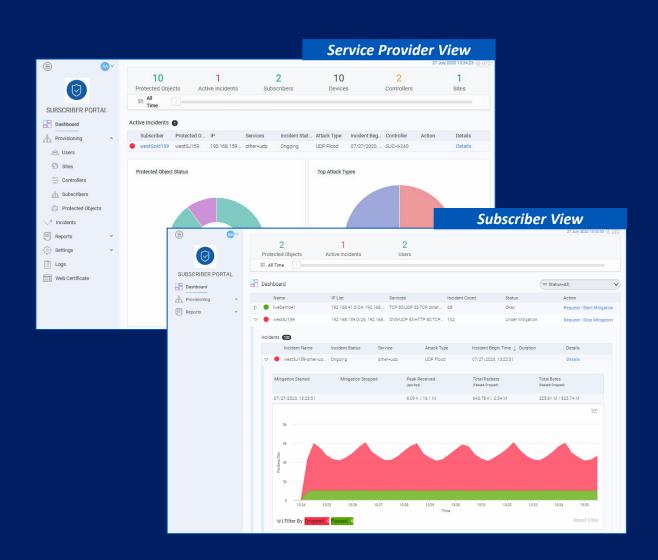


<sup>\*</sup> Mitigation can be activated automatically or manually

## Case Study Examples DDoS Protection Services

#### **DDoS Protection Service**

- Off-the-shelf subscriber portal for DDoS Protection-as-a-Service MSSPs
- Provides a simplified user experience and additional security
  - Admin portal for aGalaxy integration
  - Supports multiple aGalaxy deployments, providing consolidated service visibility to subscribers
  - Multi-tenant with granular incident view and on-demand reporting for subscribers
- Tailored views for Service Providers and Subscribers



## Data Center DDoS Scrubbing Service

Results After Deployment



Attacks Mitigated



Reduction in Support Tickets



Increased NPS

The ability to automate and scale the delivery of differentiated services could have a major impact on the quality and economics of DDoS scrubbing services. A10's innovations are significant advancements.

Bart van der Sloot, Managing
Director of Leaseweb Network



## Summary

## Choose The Best DDoS Defense

## What Makes A DDoS Protection Solution Better Than The Other?



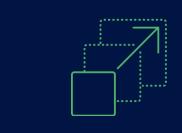
#### Precision

Avoid costly collateral damage



#### **Automation**

Make personnel limitations more effective and efficient



### Scalability

Optimize short term and protect long-term investments



#### **Affordability**

Performance by design to offer solutions that make economic sense

## Three Steps to Stronger Security

01

Evaluate and Upgrade
DDoS Defenses
Include multi-vector as
well as volumetric
defense

02

Protect Tenants –
Consider DDoS
protection services

03

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