

# SDN-based System to Filter Out DRDoS Amplification Traffic in ISP Networks

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### MOTIVATION

- ISPs suffer from Distributed Reflected Denial of Service (DRDoS) attacks.
- Attackers send spoofed requests to amplifiers which inturn reflect garbage traffic to victim SRC IP under target.
- ISPs host thousands of amplifiers, if abused, can collectively generate huge amounts of garbage data (~ 2TB per day) which may:



- Exhaust ISPs' and their customers' bandwidth affecting Quality-Of-Service;
- Degrade performance of client machines being abused for amplification;
- Cause additional expenses for last mile ISPs as they buy bandwidth from upper tier providers

#### SOLUTION

- A honeypot (AmpPot [1]) based system which detects spoofed requests in real time at ISP edge before they reach amplifiers within the ISP network.
- Unlike existing solutions, this work aims at blocking DRDoS mid way before amplification phase, benefiting both ISPs implementing the system as well as victim(s) under attack by reducing the storm of amplified traffic.



### FEASIBILITY TEST ON REAL ATTACK DATA



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1. Amt. of firewall rules generated\* by DRDoS app





#### **750 GB - 2.2 TB per** day

requests seen by

honeypot)



\* feasibility test rules generated based on unique (Victim SRC IP, DST PORT) under attack

<u>N</u> 1000

500

**FUTURE WORK** 

- **Prevent honeypot detection and abuse:** 
  - Improve mimicking of vulnerable services
  - Use collective data from multiple honeypots installations
- Victim network blocking and collateral damage:
  - Throttling traffic rather than complete blocking of UDP service for victim Filtering with deep packet inspection (eg: monlist abused in NTP)

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