

The Global State of DDoS Weapons, Threat Intelligence and Attack Mitigation

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Agenda

- The Evolution of DDoS Attacks
- A10 Research Key Insights and Trends
- A10 Research Spotlights
- The Need for a Proactive DDoS Defense Strategy

The Attack Surface is Growing



Most attacks are much smaller and fly under the radar for Enterprises



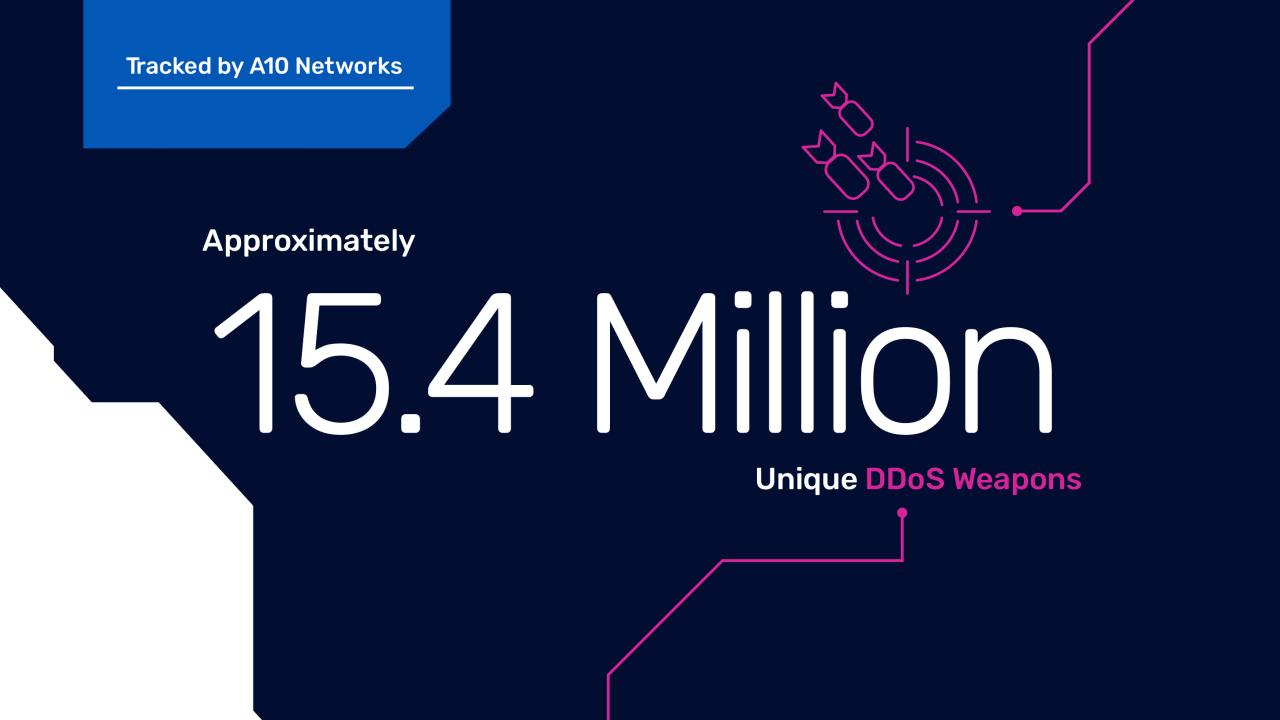
faced over 100 attacks in a year during the pandemic¹

69%

reported DDoS attacks that were under 10 Gbps¹

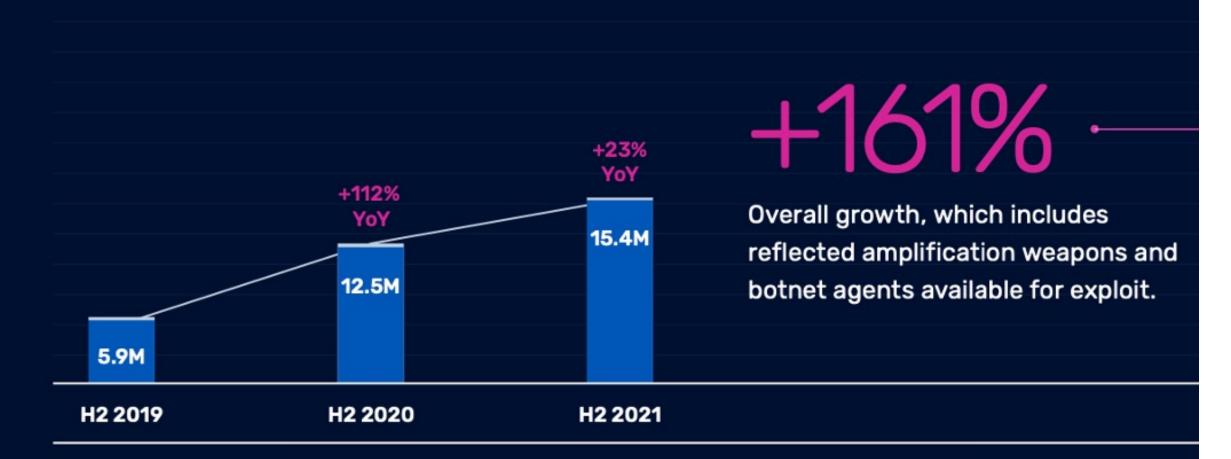


Sources: IDC



DDoS weapons tracked by A10 Networks almost tripled in two years.

Total Number of DDoS Weapons (Millions)



974,011

Top-five Countries Hosting the Most DDoS Weapons (Millions)

4

Bars

5

809,978

1,846,075

1,328,823

3

2,105,044

1

Top Tracked DDoS Weapons by Size

					+100% YoY
+13%					
YoY					
	+15% YoY	+6% YoY	-6% YoY	+ 9 %	
				YoY	
2.9М	2.0M	1.88M	1.59M	1.54M	6.4M
SSDP	PORTMAP	SNMP	DNS Resolvers	TFTP	Others
2,923,076	2,023,078	1,881,015	1,597,892	1,547,171	6,441,154-



SSDP-based DDoS attacks can generate more than 30x traffic volume making them some of the **most devastating attacks** Tracked by A10 Networks

Approximately

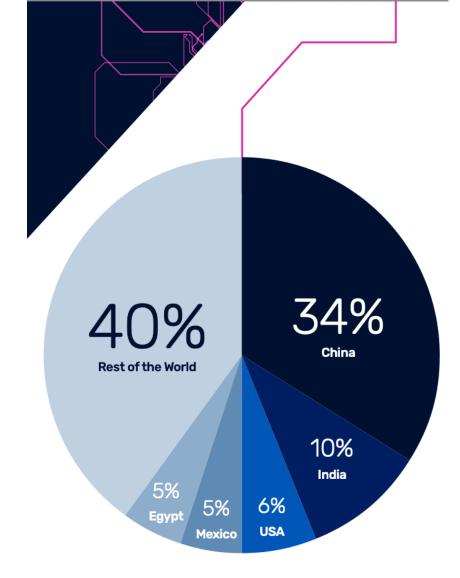
423,096

Botnet agents that are repeatedly used in DDoS attacks



Top Hosts of Drones and Botnets

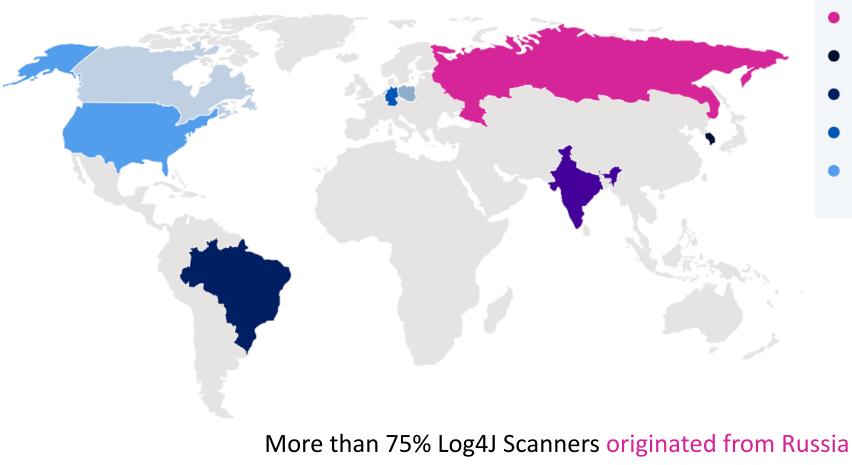
- A10 Networks scans for hosts exhibiting malware-infected characteristics
 - Accumulates knowledge of repeatedly used hosts in DDoS attacks
- The total number of bots experienced a decrease for the second year in a row
 - China experienced a 42% decrease
 - India experienced a 33% decrease
 - The United States experienced a 3% increase
- The decrease can be attributed to factors including:
 - Large-scale security updates to patch CVEs in IoT
 - Botnet takedowns



Top Countries/Regions Hosting DDoS Botnet Agents

Research Spotlights Log4J and Cyber Warfare

Spotlight – The Log4j Vulnerability and DDoS







Spotlight - Cyber Warfare and DDoS

Apple Remote Desktop (ARD) protocol on UDP port 3,283. This protocol has an amplification factor of 34 times larger than the original request.



DDoS Defense is Essential to Ensure Critical Services and Infrastructure are Protected

Proactive DDoS Defense Is the Only Way Forward

Automate DDoS Defenses

to protect against all DDoS attacks including zero-day attacks

Implement Zero Trust

to identify, isolate and stop the spread of malware and the propagation of DDoS

Monitor your Network

to ensure networks are not weaponized and used against the internet Modern DDoS Protection Requires Intelligent Automation & Machine Learning

> Continuous Learning

Auto Traffic

Profiling

Auto Report Generation

Auto Attack Detection

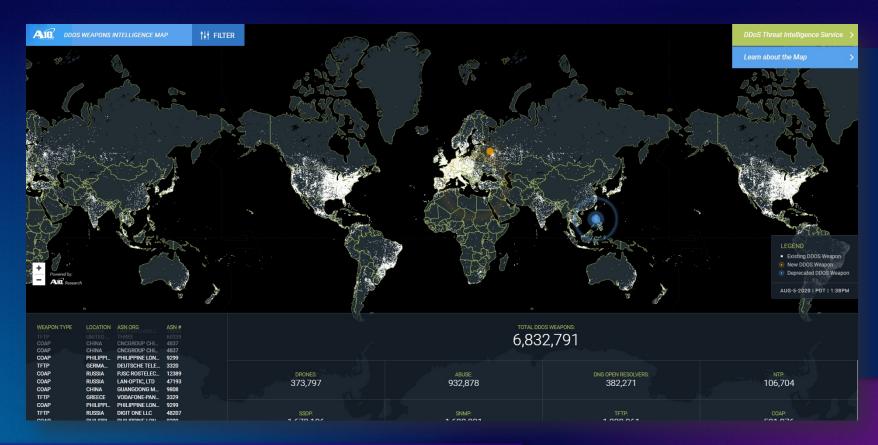
> Threat Intelligence

Auto Incident

Creation

Auto Mitigation

DDoS Weapons Intelligence Map



Helps visualize the DDoS Threat landscape

 Provides proactive insights into where the next attack might come from

Visualizes DDoS weapons including drones, amplification sources and more

View the map at https://threats.a10networks.com/