DefensePro: DDoS Protection and Attack Mitigation

Protect the Data Center and Network Against Emerging Network Threats

In today's info-security threat landscape, denial of service and distributed denial of service (DoS/DDoS) attacks are a major cause of network downtime. Whether executed by hacktivists to draw attention to a cause, fraudsters trying to illegally obtain data or funds, or a result of geo-political events, DDoS attacks are a destructive cyber weapon. Governments, utilities, financial services and commercial institutions face daily attacks.

Attacks are becoming more sophisticated and increasing in severity as they bypass traditional cloud and CDN protection services to target an organization's IT infrastructure and critical applications. The graph below from Radware's 2014-2015 Global Application & Network Security Report highlights a new trend: the rise of constant attacks against organizations.

The simplicity of launching cyber-attacks and variety of attack tools available are reasons why organizations suffer from increased attacks, such as DDoS. It is no longer about preventing attacks, but rather how to detect and mitigate them.
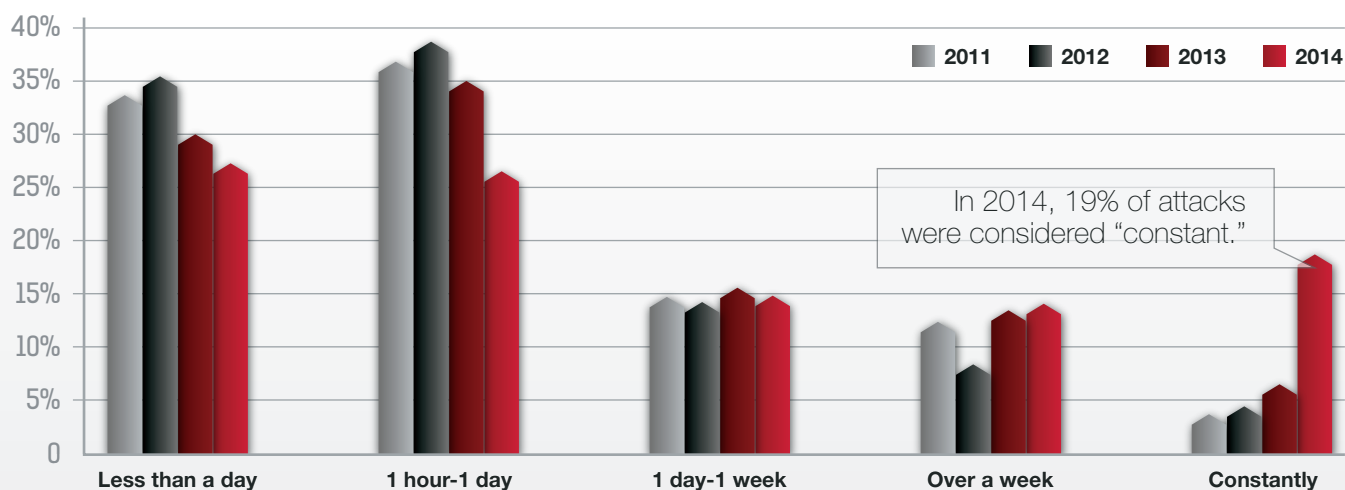

In 2014, 19% of attacks were considered "constant."

Figure 1: YoY attack durations

What Does DefensePro Do?

DefensePro is part of Radware's attack mitigation solution and is an award-winning, real-time, perimeter attack-mitigation device that secures organizations against emerging network and applications threats. DefensePro protects the infrastructure against network and application downtime (or slow time), application vulnerability exploitation, malware spread, network anomalies, information theft and other types of attacks.

DefensePro helps organizations win the ongoing security battle against availability attacks, by detecting and mitigating known and zero-day DoS/DDoS attacks in real-time. It protects against other security threats that are usually undetected by traditional DDoS mitigation tools, such as SSL-based flood attacks, attacks on login pages and attacks behind CDNs.

With DefensePro, Radware's attack mitigation solution offers protection with the shortest mitigation time and broadest attack coverage. Radware provides a hybrid solution combining on premise and cloud-based mitigation tools in a single integrated solution, designed to optimally block multiple attack vectors occurring in parallel.

Why DefensePro?

DefensePro includes a comprehensive set of four essential security modules – anti-DDoS, network behavioral analysis (NBA), intrusion prevention system (IPS) and SSL attack protection (DefenseSSL) - to fully protect the application infrastructure against known and emerging network security attacks. It employs multiple detection and mitigation modules including adaptive behavioral analysis, challenge response technologies and signature detection.

DefensePro Advantages
- Network Behavioral Analysis (NBA), Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) and SSL Attack Protection (DefenseSSL)
- Up to 300Gbps throughput inspection
- Mitigates up to 230M PPS of attack traffic while preserving best quality of experience
- Up to 25M concurrent sessions

Compared to stand-alone solutions, the synergy of multiple security modules on a single, hardware-accelerated platform enables more effective protection against attackers who seek to systematically compromise business assets while providing unified reporting, forensics and compliance.

DefensePro consists of patent protected, adaptive, behavioral-based real-time signature technology that detects and mitigates emerging network attacks, zero-minute, DoS/DDoS, application misuse attacks, network scanning and malware spread. It eliminates the need for human intervention and does not block legitimate user traffic.
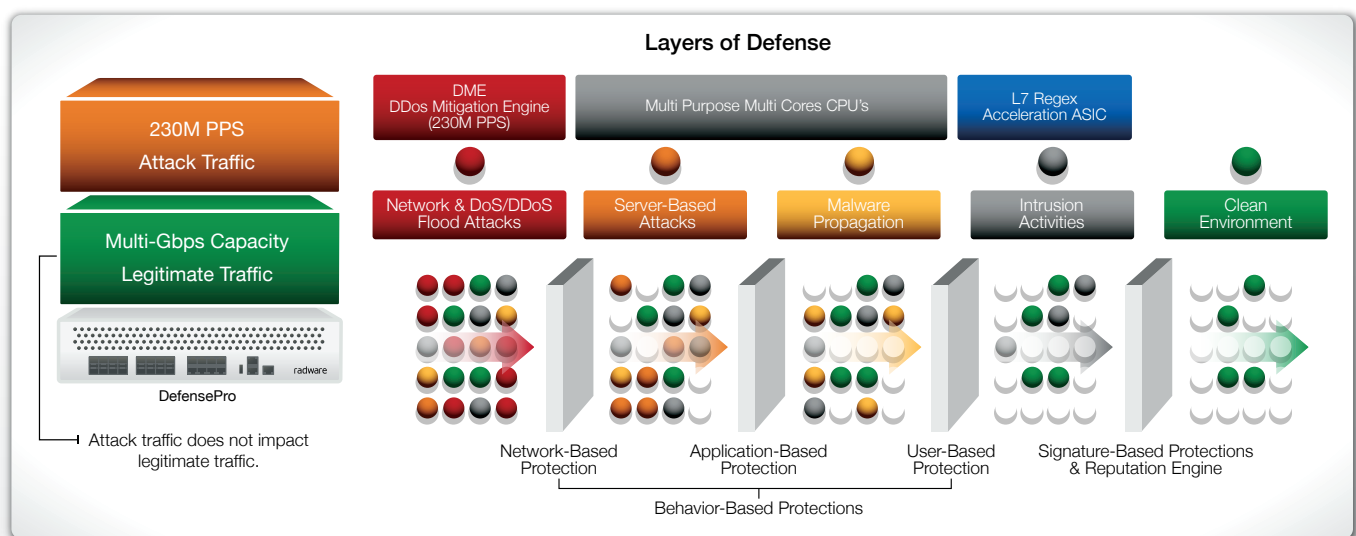

Figure 2: DefensePro Architecture

Deployment Modes

DefensePro devices can be deployed inline, out-of-path (OOP) or in a scrubbing center to provide the highest mitigation accuracy within the shortest time. Each deployment mode offers the same performance as an inline device.

With DefensePro deployed either inline or out-of-path as well as in a scrubbing center, the devices are able to communicate with each other in real-time to collect automatic updates of normal traffic baselines, detect behavioral patterns and obtain attack footprints. This constant real-time flow of defense messaging enables DefensePro to provide accurate and instant mitigation without the need to learn this information when an attack occurs.

Deploying DefensePro devices out of path or in a scrubbing center is the most scalable and flexible solution as it is based on the maximum attack mitigation capacity needed, without being limited by the actual network physical topology.
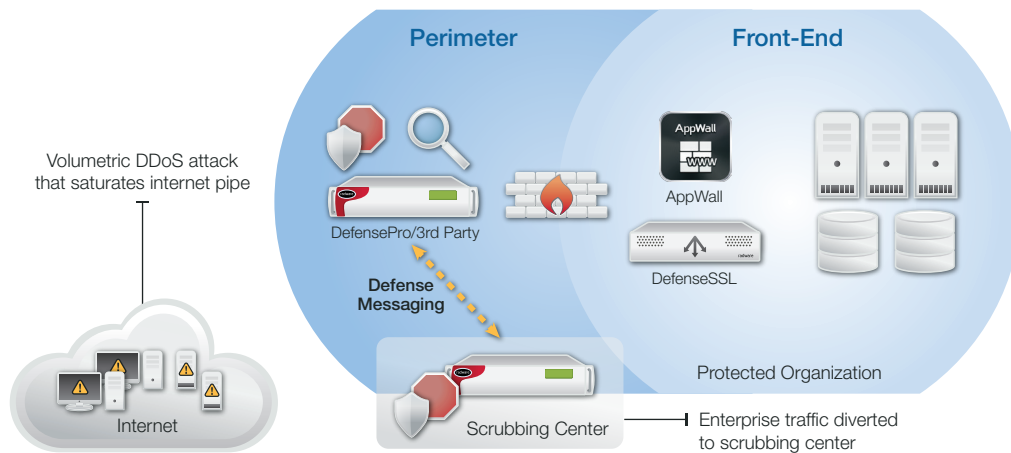

Figure 3: DefensePro device deployed inline in the enterprise perimeter to detect/mitigate attacks in real-time; scrubbing center invoked for mitigation of volumetric attacks that threaten to saturate the internet link.
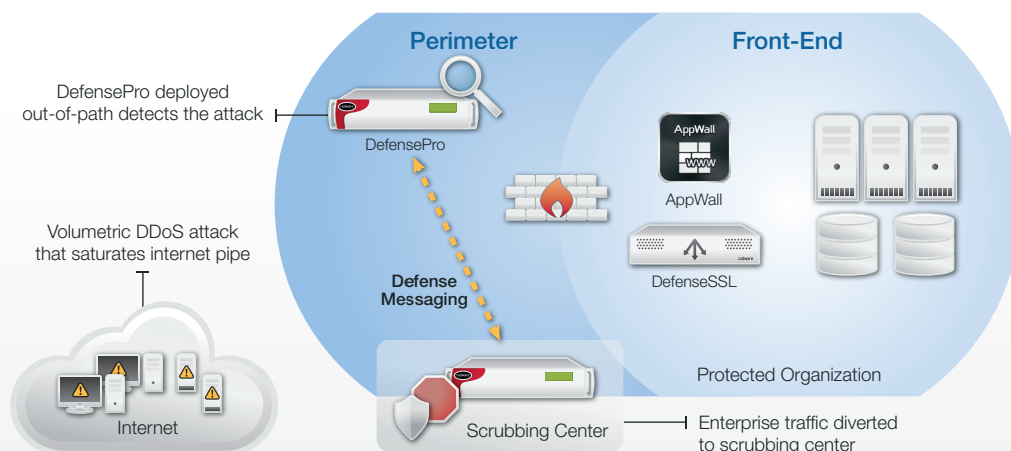

Figure 4: DefensePro deployed out-of-path for attack detection; suspicious traffic is diverted to the deployment with scrubbing center for attack mitigation.

Integrated, Hybrid Solution

In addition to the security modules integrated in DefensePro, Radware's attack mitigation solution includes an SSL decryption/encryption engine, a WAF module and a cloud based attack mitigation scrubbing service that works in sync with the on premise solution. With no performance impact or risk, Radware's attack mitigation solution ensures business continuity even when under attack.

The solution is enhanced with a central Security Information Event Management (SIEM) to provide unified situational awareness and Radware's Emergency Response Team (ERT) offering of 24/7 security expert support for customers under attack in real time to mitigate attacks and restore operational status.

Unique messaging assures that each component provides information about traffic baselines and real-time signatures to the others, so that all system components have full visibility into all information.

Through this messaging, Radware's attack mitigation solution can detect attacks where it should and mitigate attacks where it's best. For example, the system can detect a volumetric attack at the network perimeter but mitigate it in the cloud. This automatic, real-time feature enables organizations to scale the mitigation capabilities of the solution by moving mitigation as far as possible from the application infrastructure.

Business Value

Maintain Business Continuity of Operations (COOP) Even When the Network is Under Attack

- Full protection of data center applications against emerging network threats
- Maintain network performance even when under high PPS network attacks
- Maintain excellent user response time even under attack

Best Security Solution for Data Centers in a Single Box

- DefensePro combines intrusion prevention system (IPS), network behavioral analysis (NBA), denial-of-service (DoS) protection and DefenseSSL
- Get the most accurate attack detection and prevention without blocking legitimate user traffic

Reduce Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) of Security Management

- Multitude of security tools in a single box
- Single management application to manage multiple DefensePro units cross multiple data centers
- Full investment protection and extended platform life time with pay-as-you-grow license upgrade scalability delivering best ROI and CAPEX investment protection
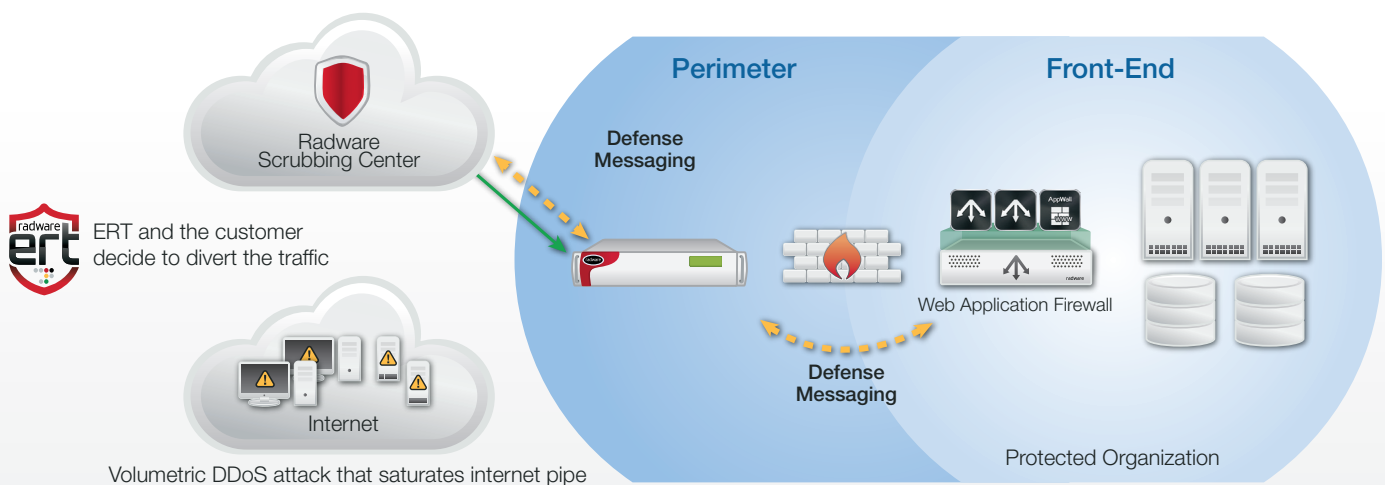

Figure 5: Complete Attack Mitigation Solution Deployment

Benefits

Widest Attack Coverage with detection and mitigation of the following attack types:

- Known and zero-day DoS/DDoS flood attacks that misuse network bandwidth resources

- Application DoS attacks that misuse server and application resources including:
  - HTTP/HTTPS and DNS flood attacks
  - SIP scans and flood attacks
  - Web stealth attacks (e.g., Login page brute force attacks, SSL-based attacks)
  - Information theft – application scanning

- Application vulnerability attacks that exploit server application weaknesses including Web, Mail, DNS, FTP, SQL server vulnerabilities

High Performance

- Up to 300Gbps throughput inspection

- Block high packets-per-second (PPS) attacks that overuse the CPU resources of your networking and security equipment up to 230M PPS

- Attack mitigation solution that can be deployed both inline and out-of-path, maximizing scalability and flexibility

- Granular challenge/response technology for detecting advanced Botnets which imitate legitimate users; maintaining the highest response time for legitimate users

Technical Specifications and Requirements

For additional information regarding technical specifications or requirements please refer to Radware's Tech Specs for:

DefensePro x4420 Series
DefensePro x420 Series
DefensePro x412 Series
DefensePro x06 Series

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