



Cyber Attacks Against Banks: Is the Nightmare Over?

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We are the leading cloud service for helping enterprises provide the best online experiences on any device

ABOUT US:

- Distributed cloud platform, on-demand scale
- Delivering 15-30% of all daily web traffic
- 2 trillion cloud interactions daily
- 150M mobile apps delivered daily
- Defending against attacks over 200Gbps
- Enabling >\$250B in annual e-commerce
- A single network hop from 90% of internet users

CORP STATS:

\$1.6B Revenue	2,000 Locations	5,000 Customers	4,000 Employees
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OUR HISTORY:

Founded 1998 and rooted in MIT technology— solving Internet congestion with math not hardware.

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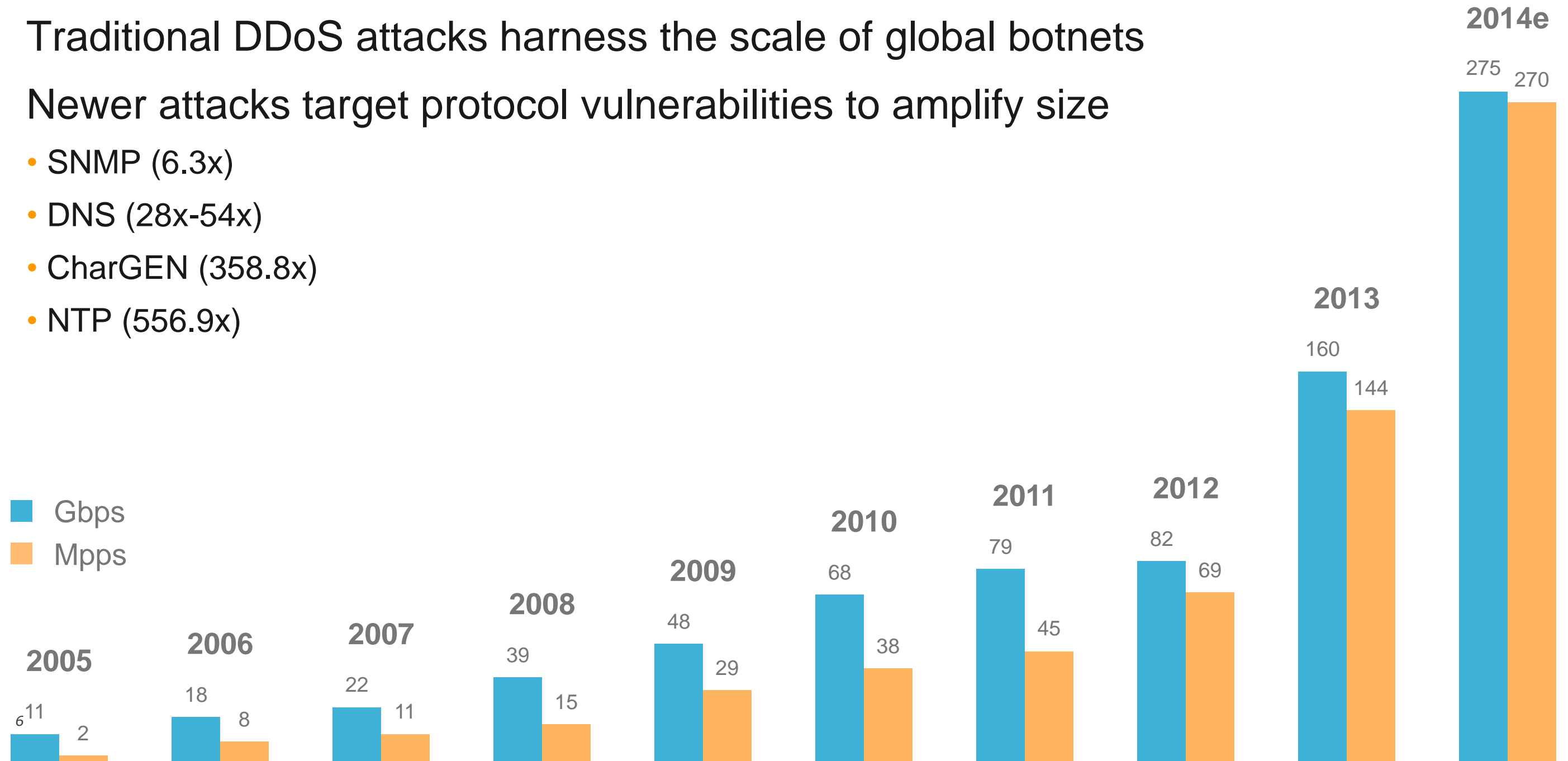
Attacks Are Growing in Size



Traditional DDoS attacks harness the scale of global botnets

Newer attacks target protocol vulnerabilities to amplify size

- SNMP (6.3x)
- DNS (28x-54x)
- CharGEN (358.8x)
- NTP (556.9x)



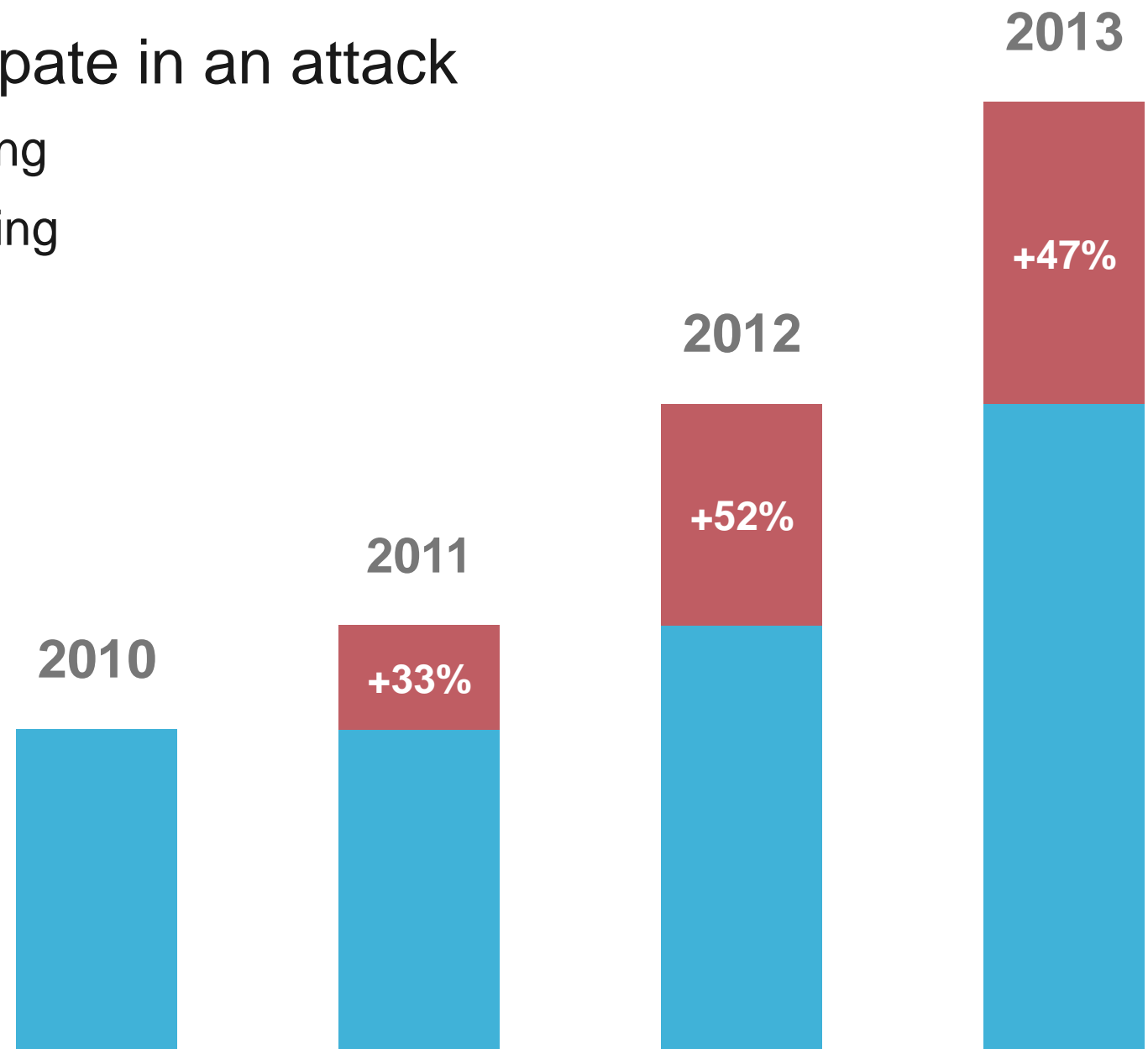
Organizations Are Being Attacked More Frequently



Increasing number of network- and application-layer attacks

Easier for attackers to launch or participate in an attack

- Knowledge of application vulnerabilities spreading
- Number and availability of attack tools proliferating

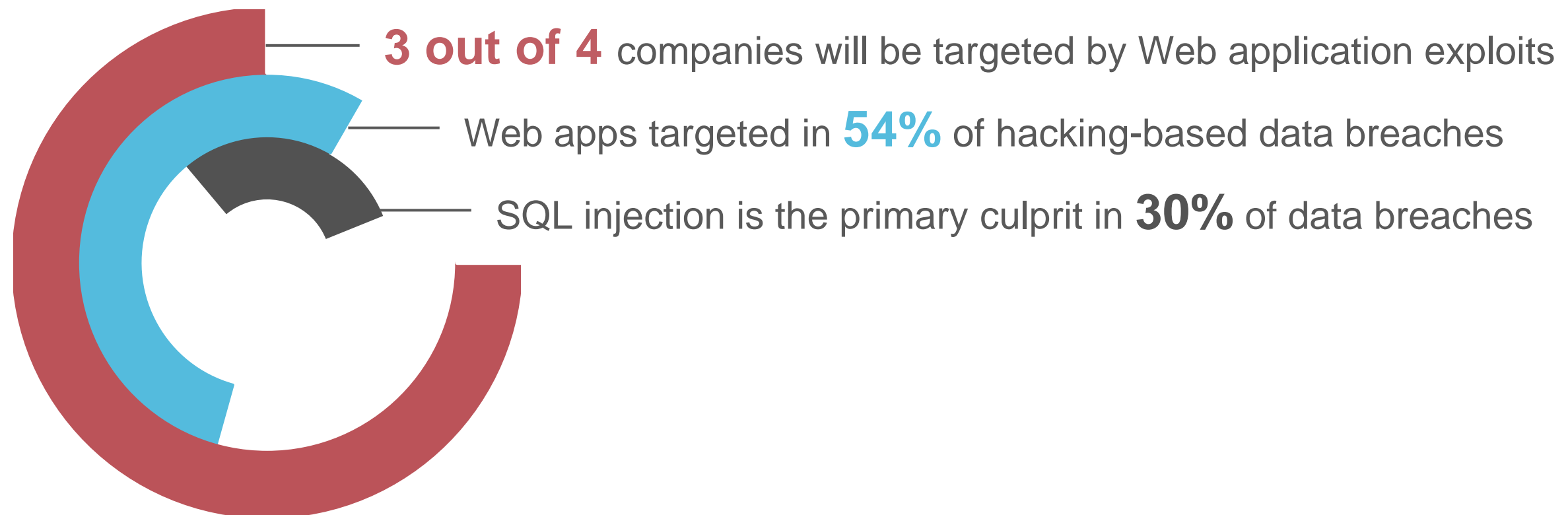


Targeting Applications for Data Theft

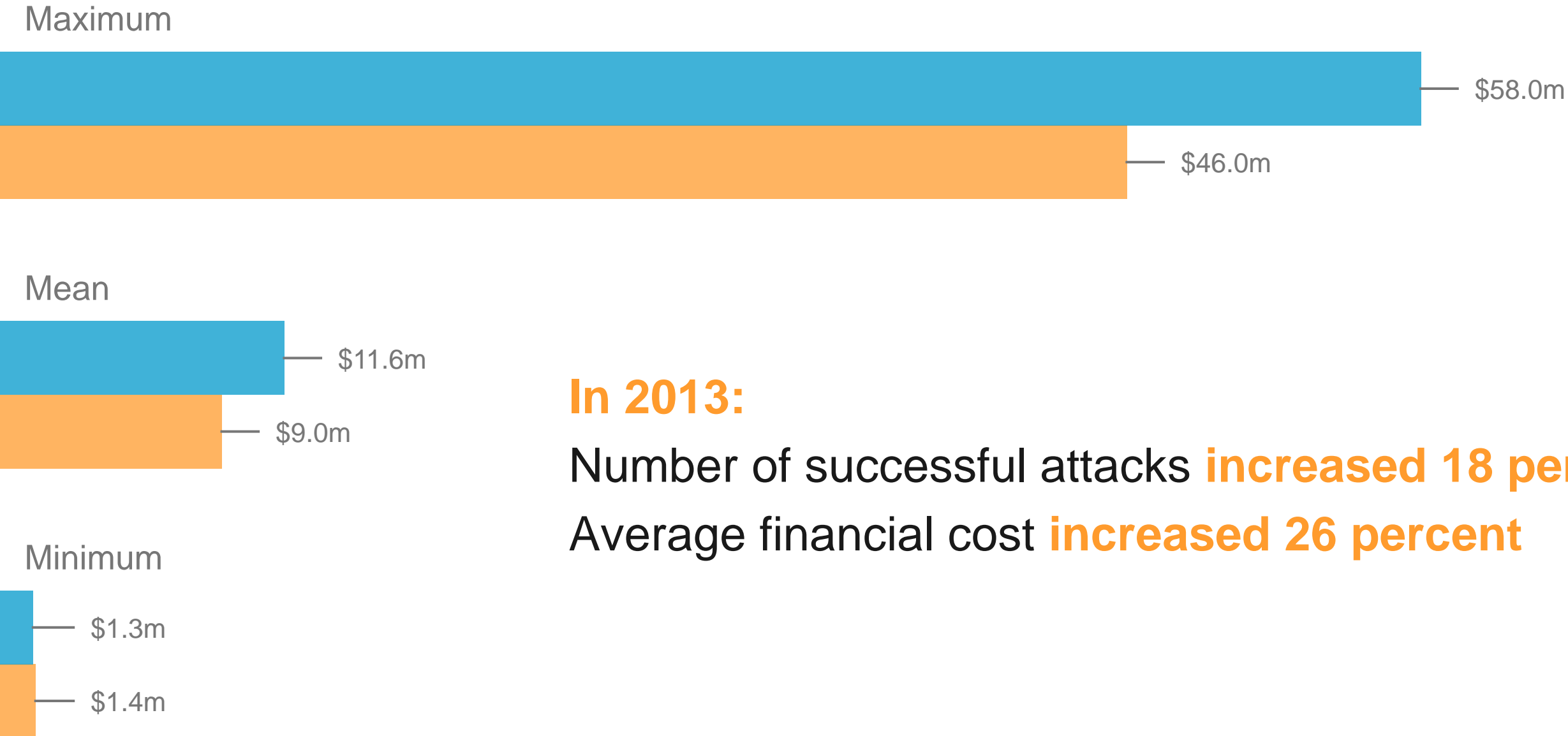


Increasing number of attacks focused on data and financial theft

Web applications are a primary target due to number of vulnerabilities



Financial Impact of Cybercrime Increasing



In 2013:

Number of successful attacks **increased 18 percent**

Average financial cost **increased 26 percent**

Source: Ponemon 2013 Cost of Cyber Crime Study

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“none of the U.S. banks will be safe from our attacks.”



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L=Total likes                 73,728  
D=Total Dislikes             195,198  
DF=Dislike Factor            10  
C=Cost per minute            30,000  
CF=Cost to pay Fact          100  
  
TC = (T+L-DF*D) * C          2,470,747,200   Old TC    2,469,200,400  
                               Delta TC    1,546,800  
TM = TC/C                    82,358       Old TM    82,306  
                               Delta TM    52  
S=DDoS Success rate          420  
TD = TM/S                     196  
PD=Passed days               33  
  
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163         54          13  
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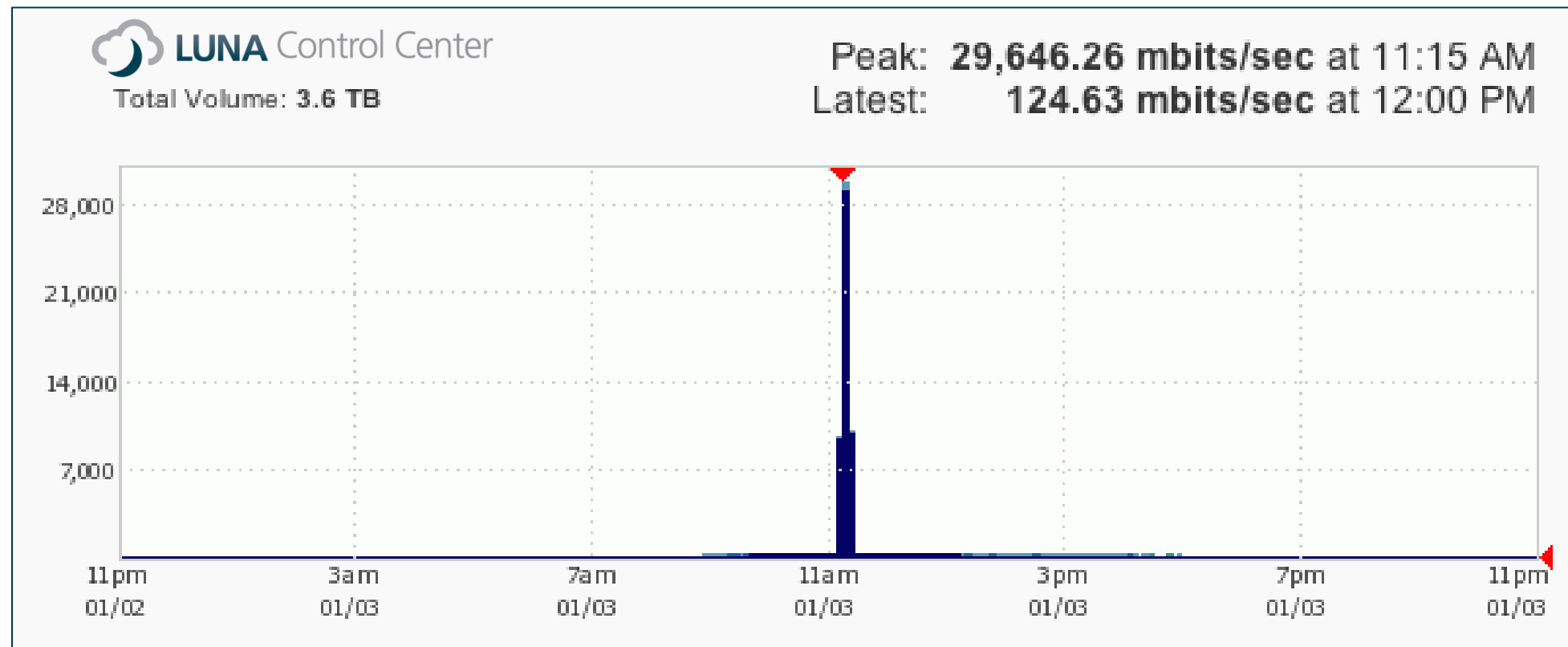
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Lesson: Be prepared for “Instant on” massive attacks



- Top financial services firm with nearly 10M customers.
- Peak attack traffic was 30 Gbps, 30x normal daily high traffic.
- Attackers gave up after 15 minutes, and moved attack to another bank.
- 100% of the attack was on SSL.

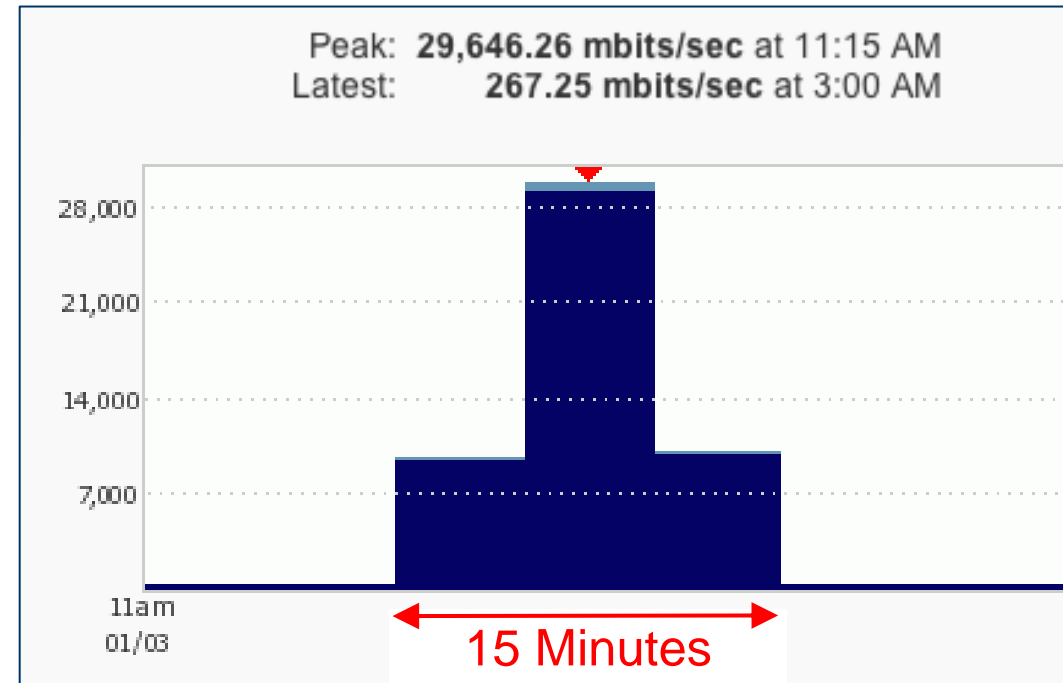


Lesson: The value of “Always-On” protection

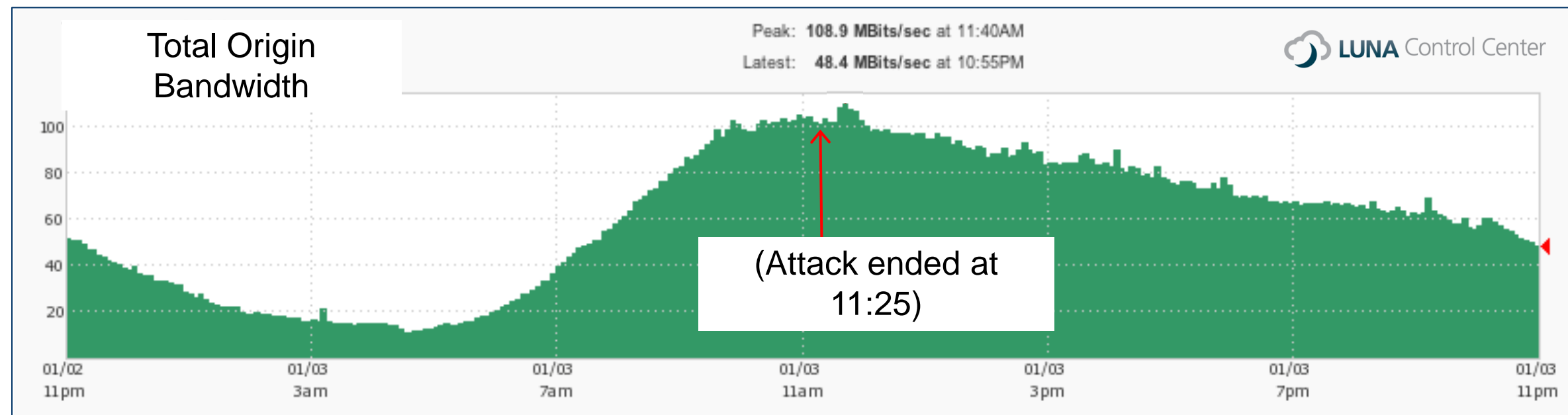


- Offload 100% of the attack.

	TOTAL VOLUME	% VOLUME
■ Edge Responses	1.9 TB	97.3 %
■ Midgress Responses	3.5 GB	0.2 %
■ Requests	48 GB	2.5 %
■ Origin Responses	348.9 MB	0 %



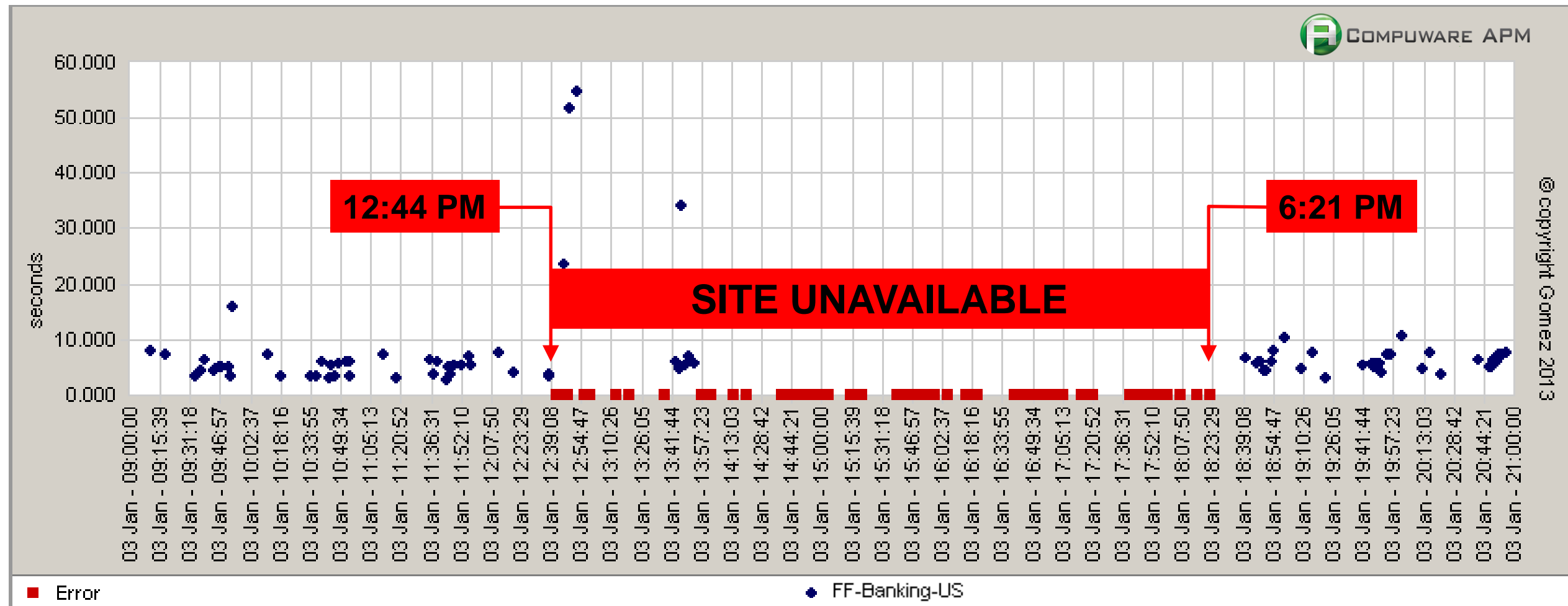
- “A bug impacting our windshield”.



Lesson: Attackers look for soft targets



- 5 banks attacked in a single day. Average 15 minutes on protected sites
- Soft target found, and brought down for 6 hours.
- Bank attacked over 20 times after this event.



Lesson: The unforeseen risk of shared services DDoS



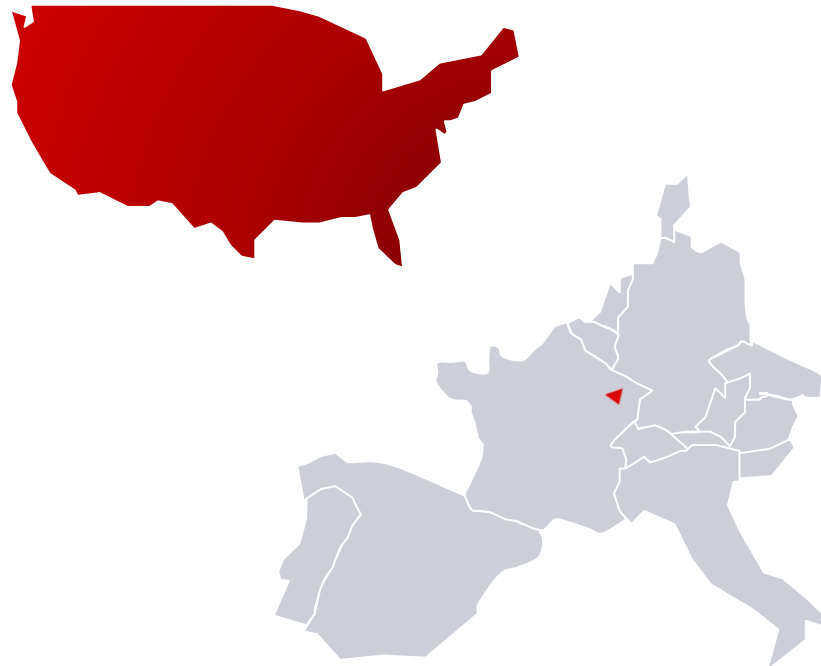
Case 1

Attack: DDoS attack on Brazil bank subsidiary.
Result: US Bank knocked out due to shared infrastructure in data center.



Case 2

Attack: DDoS attack against Luxembourg customer of US exchange.
Result: Market data unavailable to US subscribers during market open hours.



Case 3

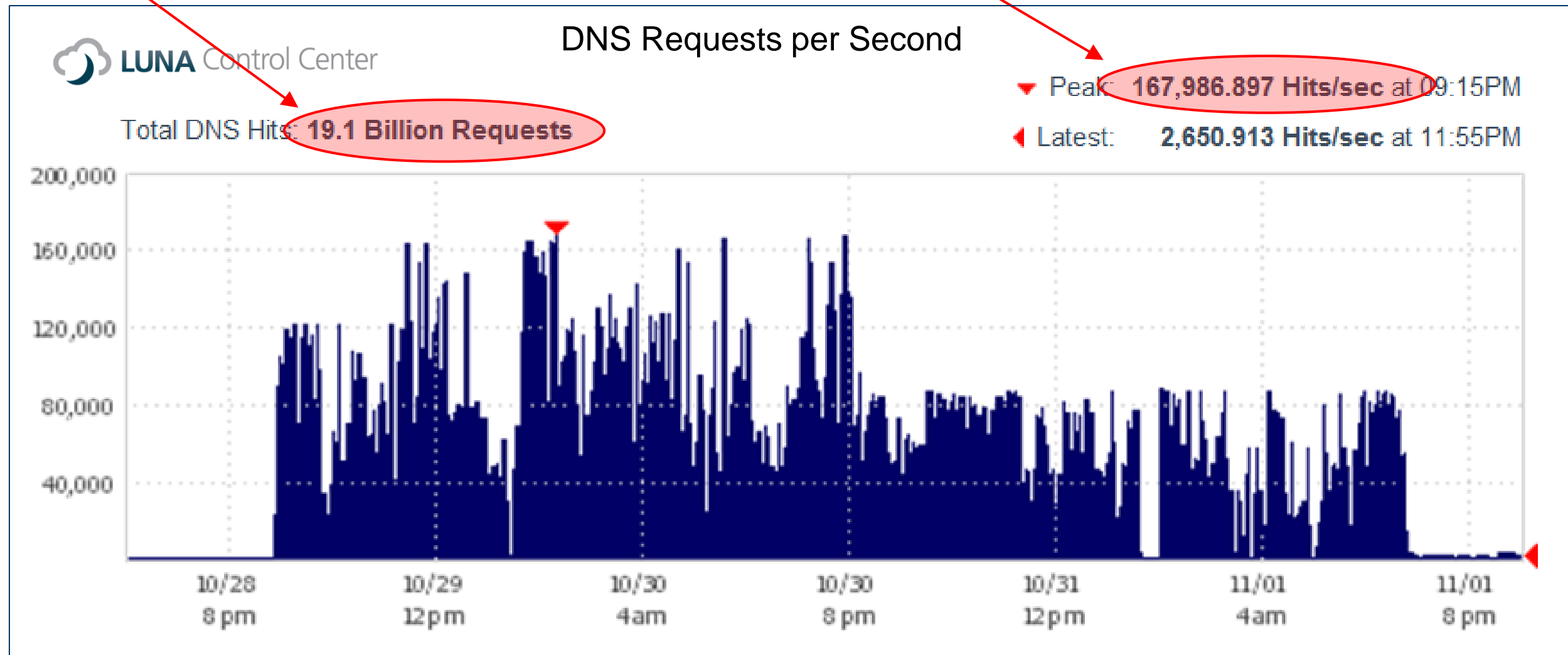
Attack: QCF attacks name servers of a US bank, which is a subsidiary of a European bank.
Result: QCF unintentionally takes down a Global Bank.



Lesson: DNS is a soft spot

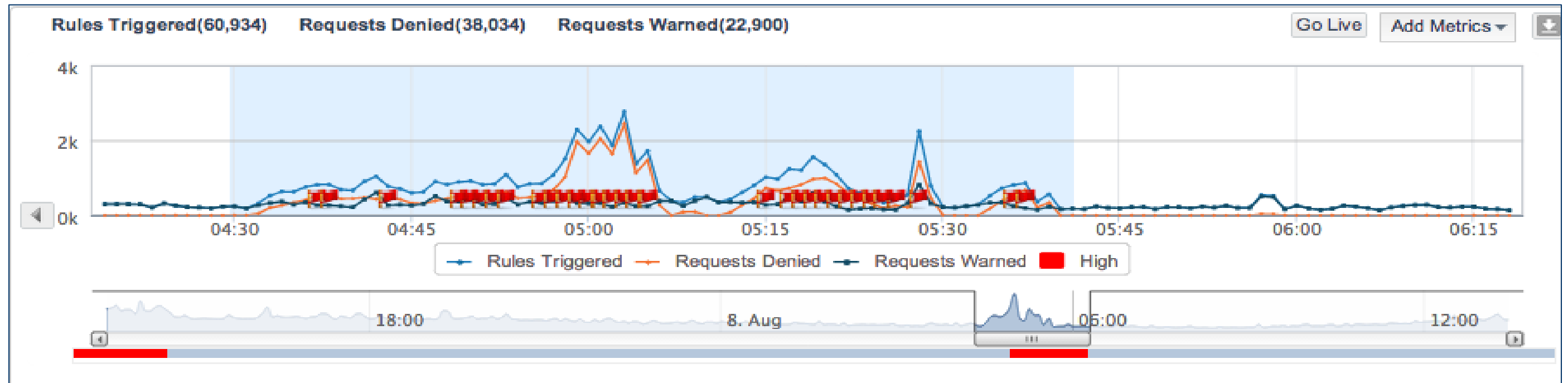


- DNS requests peaked at 168k per second.
- 19B hits in 5 days. Normally serve ~30M hits per week.



Lesson: “We were doing OK until the attacks started coming in on SSL.”

- Large US bank hit with 5 hour SQL Injection attack.
- Attack was SSL-based.
- SSL termination required to see requests “in the clear” and block.
- Packet-level inspection not effective. Clean-pipe services would not stop this.

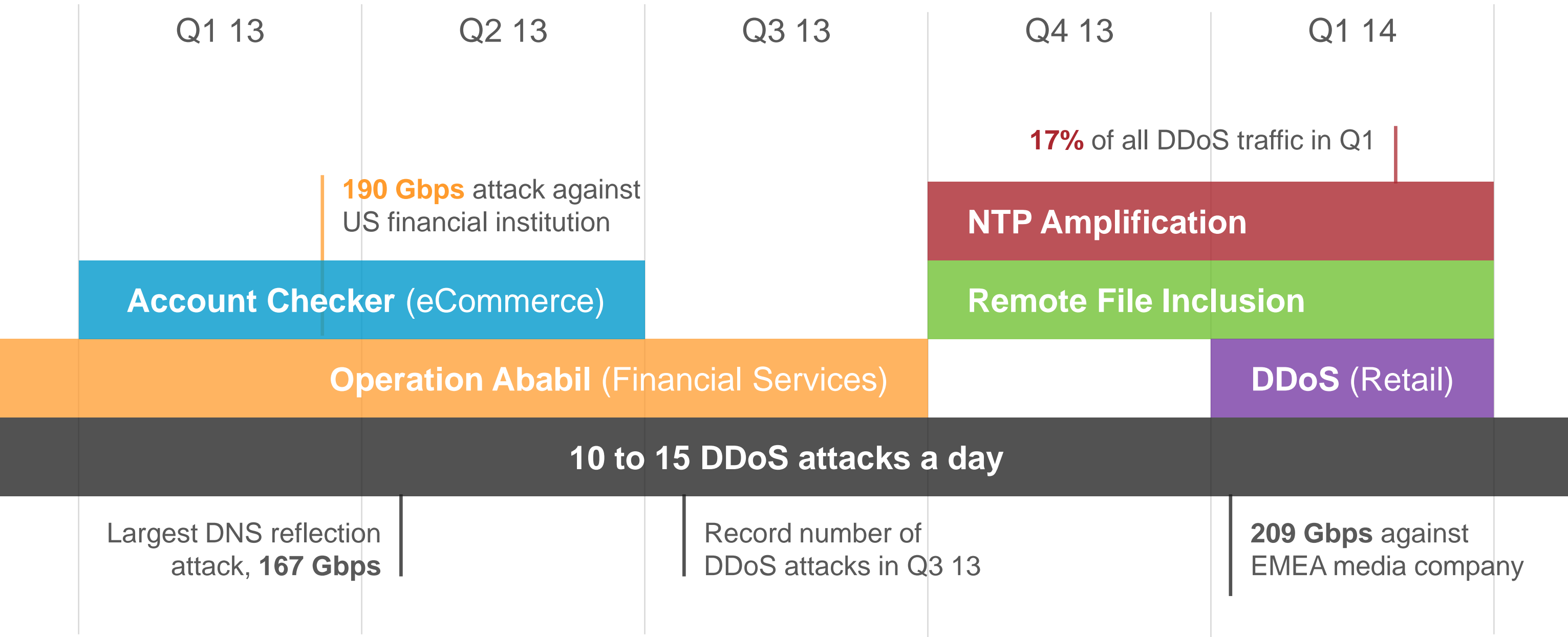


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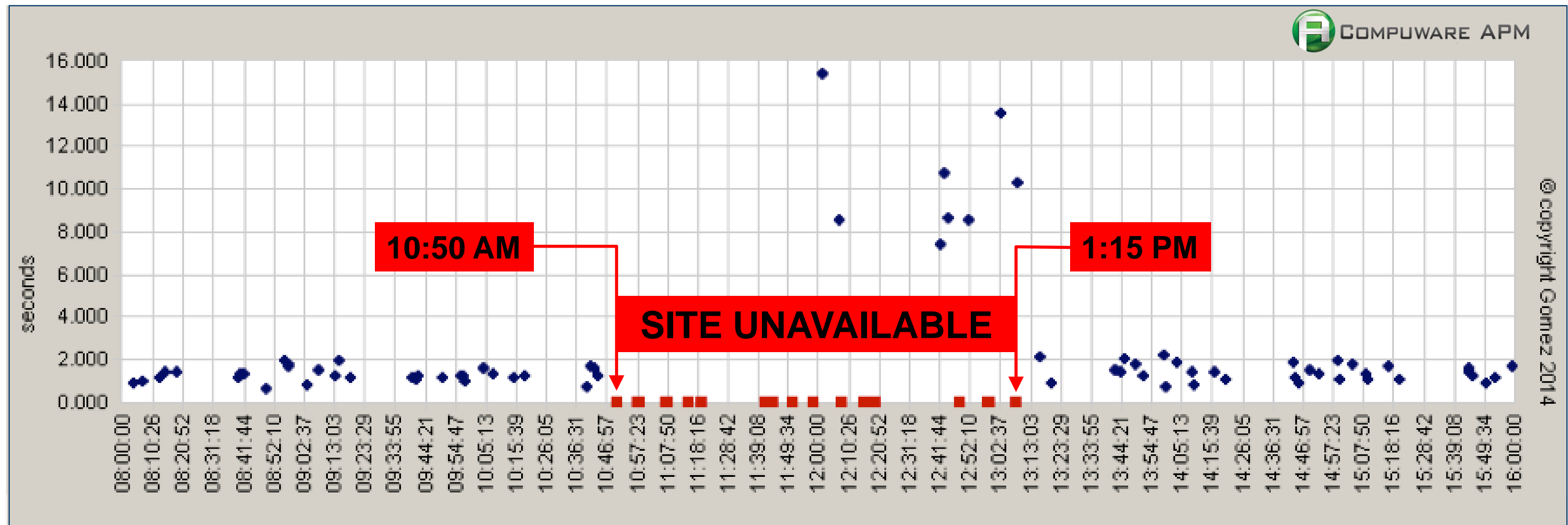
2013: Year of Evolving Web Security Threats



Some banks are still not protected



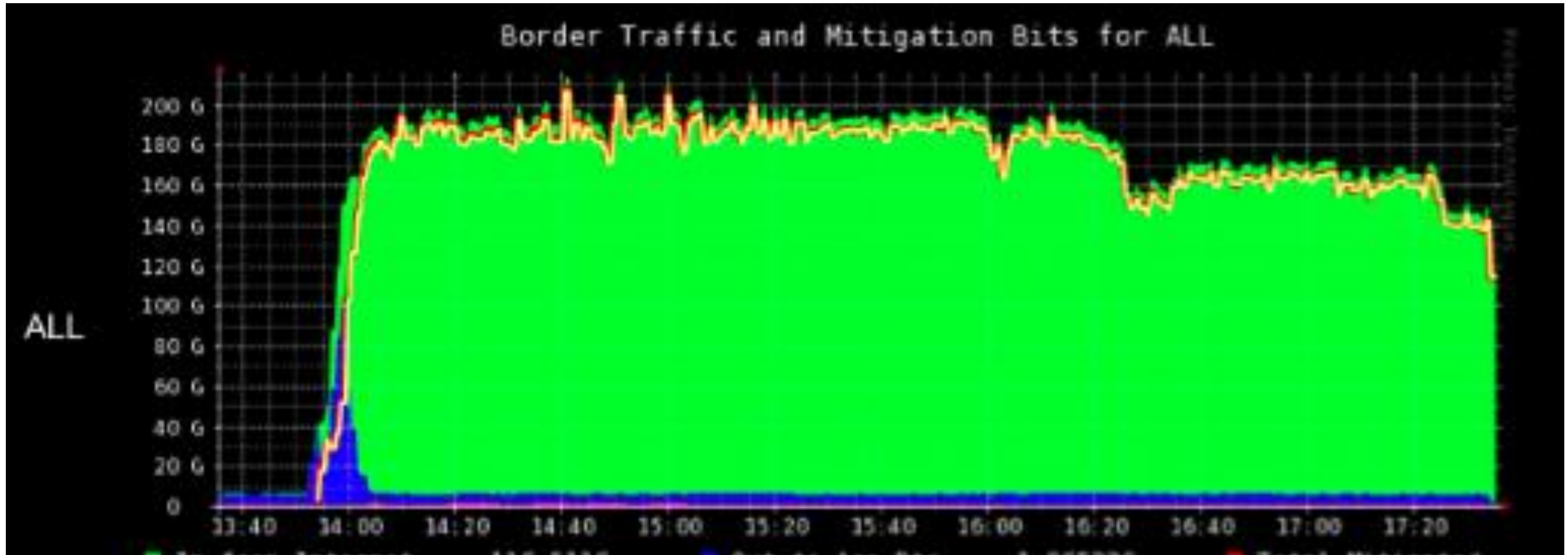
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Lesson: You can't build big enough



- 240 Gbps attack.

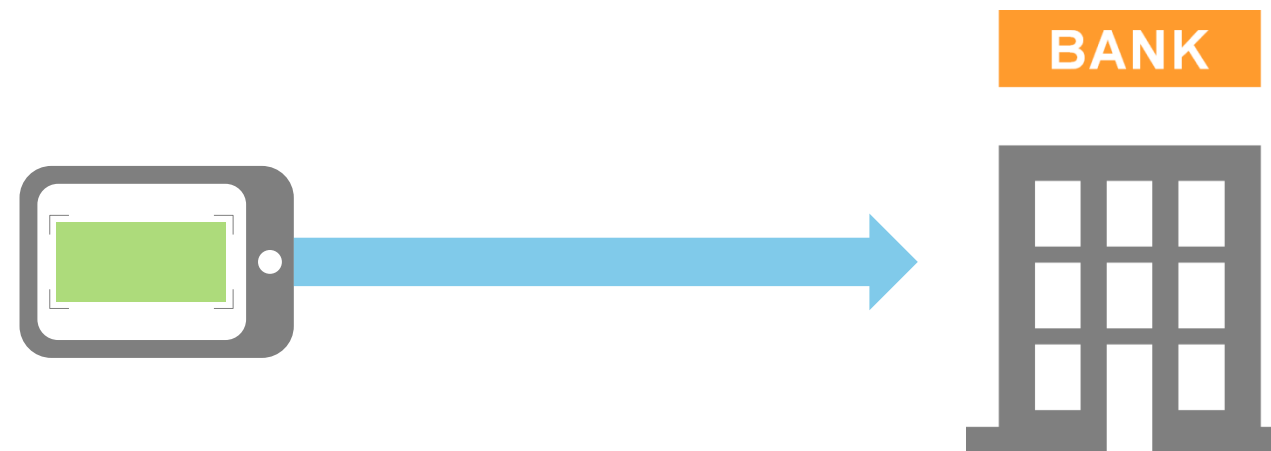


Not just DDoS: Mobile check deposit application attack



What happened

Anonymous attacker accessed URLs for mobile check deposit application 120,000 times over four hours
Web requests for “checkfront.jpg”, “checkback.jpg”, and more



How the attack was defeated

Web application firewall rate controls

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Total Risk Assessment – with and without Akamai



Adding 3rd party service adds risk

Using Akamai platform decreases other risks

- Blocks network layer attacks.
- Proven ability to handle the world's largest DDoS attacks.

Kona further decreases risk

- Expansive application layer protection.
- Rate limiting, origin cloaking, more...
- Can also protect DNS.

Future Akamai security products

- Major investments in our security division and product roadmap.

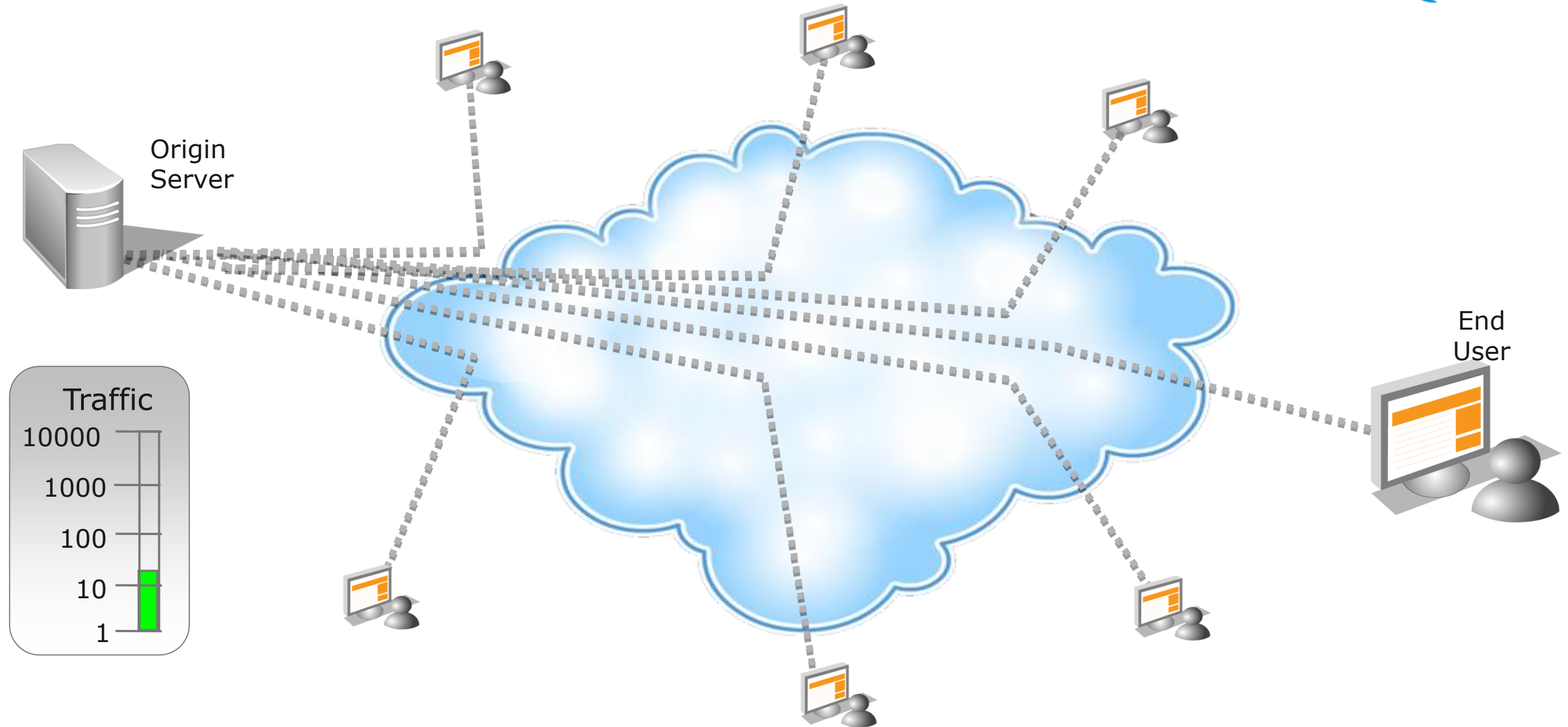
Risks are increasing

- Continuous threat of attacks against companies.
- DDoS masking fraudulent money movement.

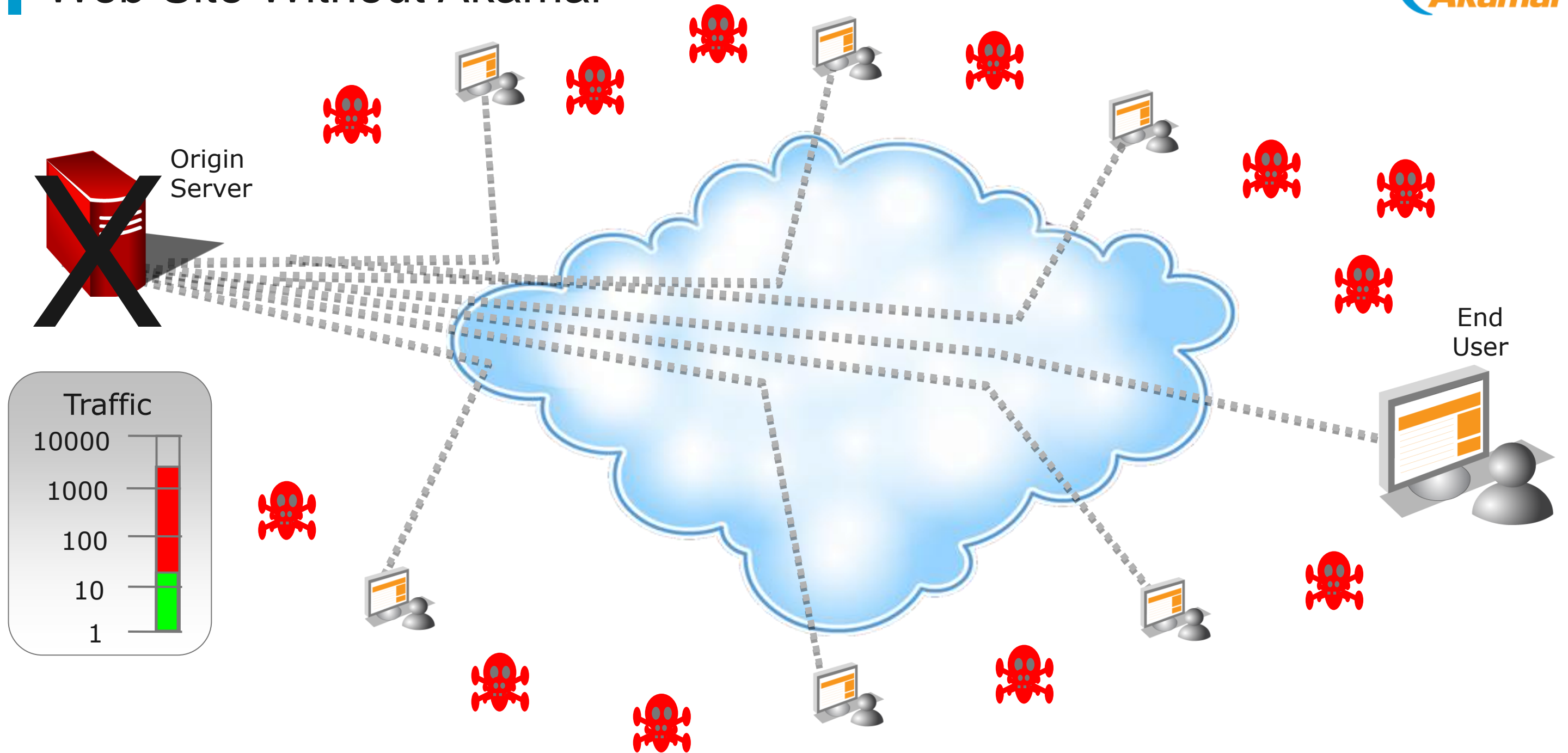
Where is your tipping point?



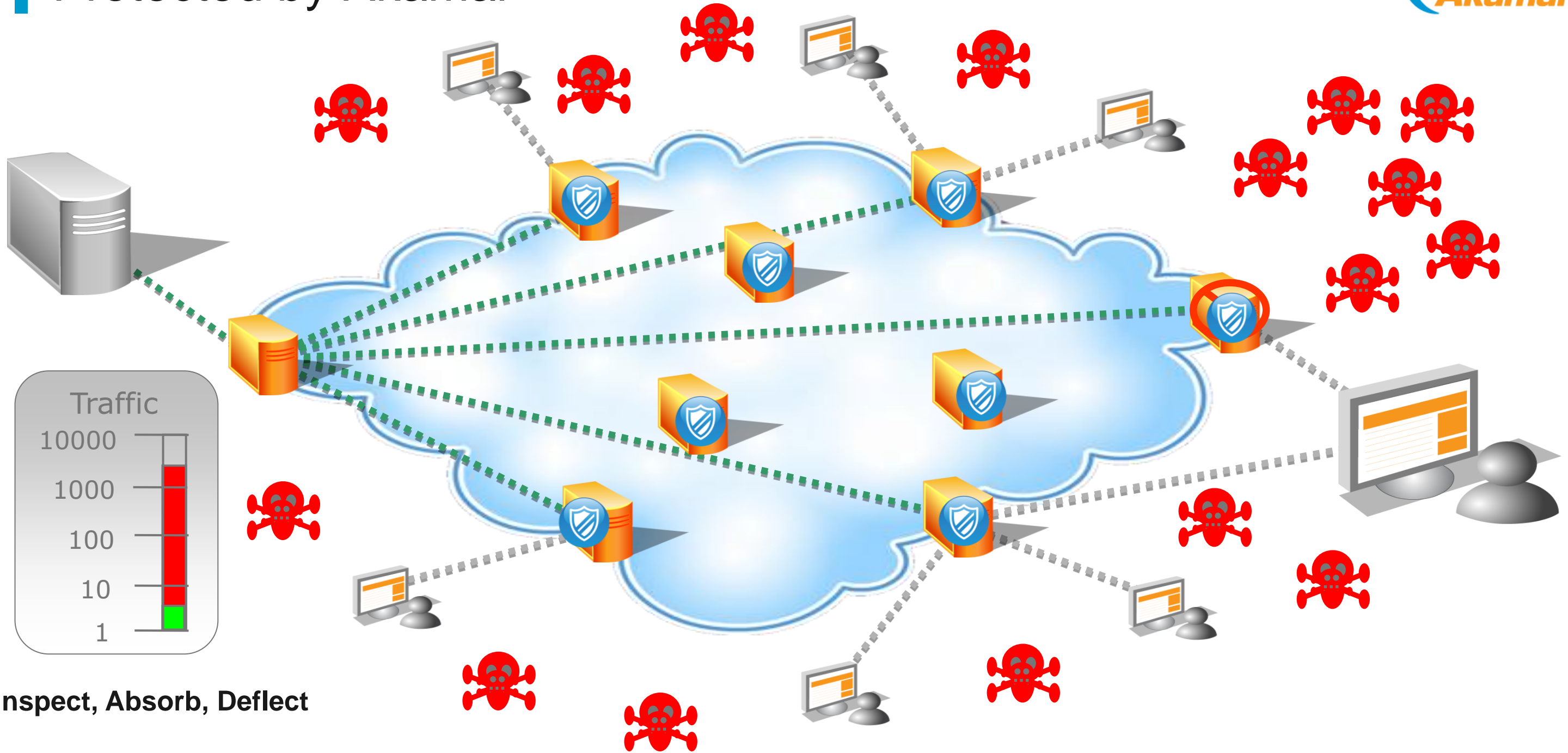
Web Site Without Akamai



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Protected by Akamai



Inspect, Absorb, Deflect

Record past behavior — use the data to protect everyone

- Analyze activity across Akamai customers.
- Create a reputation score per client based on recent behavior.
- Filter potentially malicious clients at the edge.
- Risk score ranges from 1-10, based upon:
 - Persistency of the attacker
 - Severity of the attack
 - Magnitude of the attack
 - Distribution of the attack across multiple hosts



Maximize Business Value with Protect + Perform

Improve Customer Experience

- Faster websites and mobile apps
- Improve availability and customer satisfaction
- Increase employee productivity

Protect the Customer

- DDoS protection
- Data breach protection
- Threat intelligence

Enable Innovation

- Quickly introduce new banking services
- Leverage cloud services
- Reduce business risk

Thank you!

Questions?

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