



Honeypot technologies

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Agenda



- ▶ **Origins and background**
- ▶ **Different kinds of honeypot**
 - ▶ High interaction honeypots
 - ▶ Low interaction honeypots
- ▶ **Example: honeyd**
- ▶ **Other kinds of honeypot**
 - ▶ WiFi honeypot
 - ▶ Honeypot and worms
 - ▶ Honeyclient / honeytoken
 - ▶ Distributed honeypot
- ▶ **Conclusion...**

Why Honeypots?



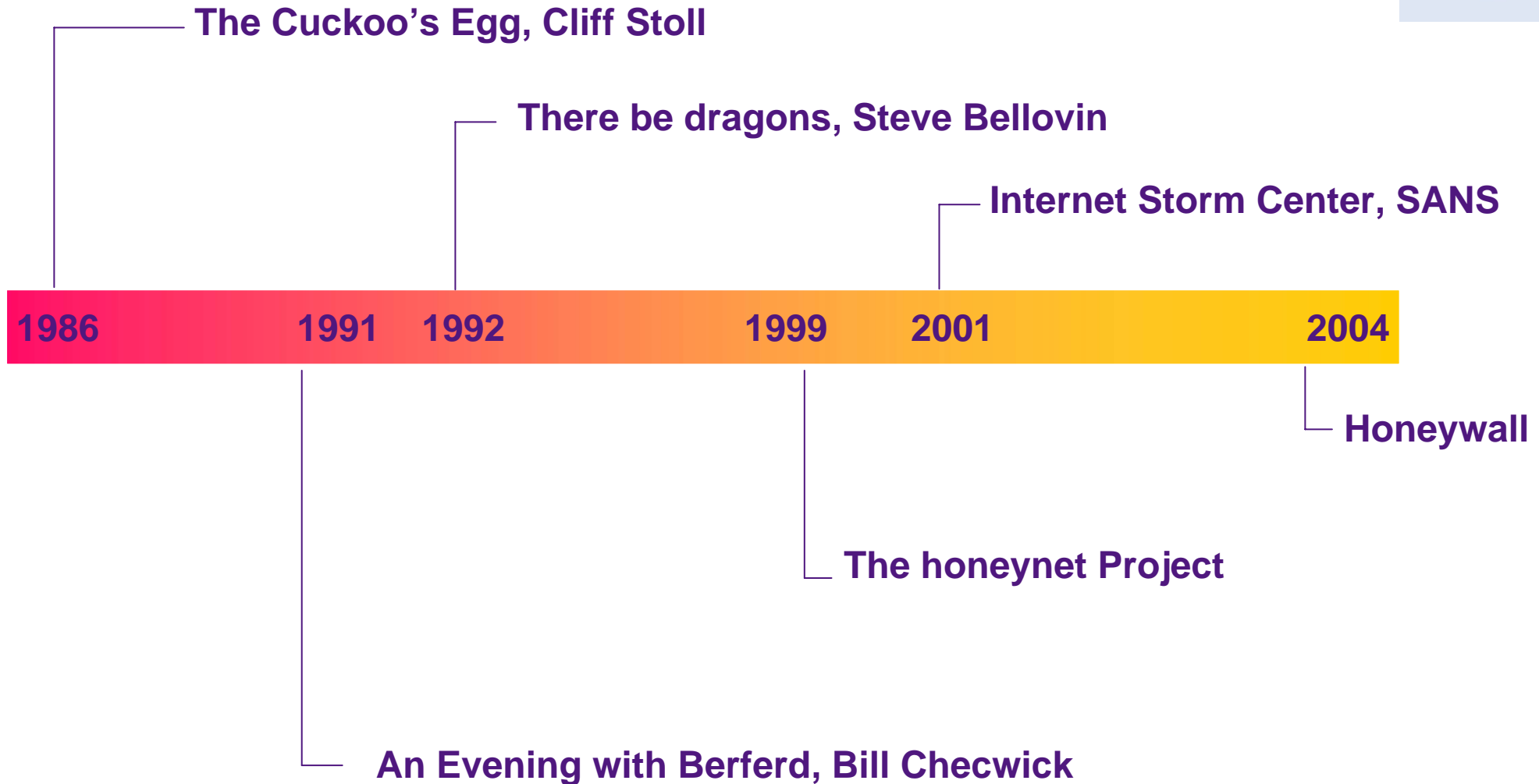
▶ **FIRST 2005**

- ▶ A Distributed Intrusion Alert System, by Chih-Yao Lin, Taiwan National Computer Emergency Response Team, Taiwan
- ▶ A National Early Warning Capability Based on a Network of Distributed Honeypots – Detailed Synthesis, by Cristine Hoepers, NBSO/Brazilian CERT, Brazil

▶ **FIRST 2006**

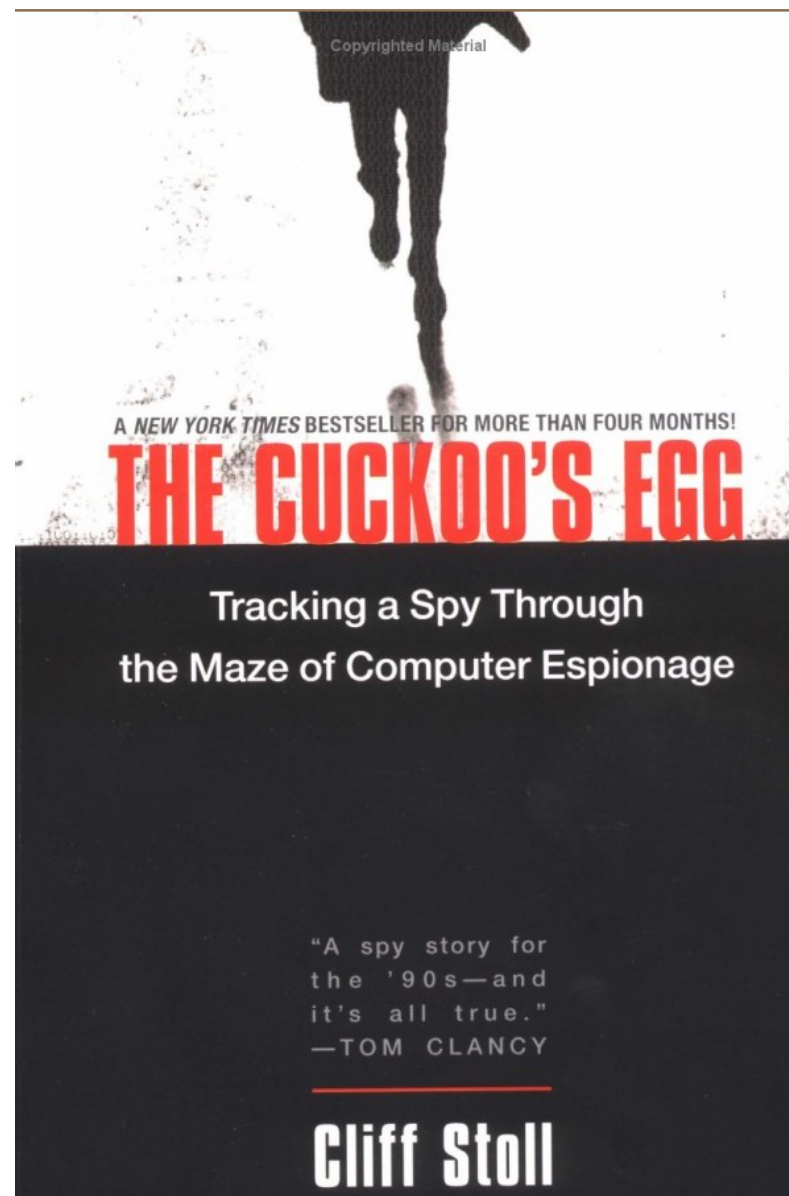
- ▶ Wednesday and Friday sessions
 - The impact of honeynets for CSIRTs
 - Automated Extraction of Threat Signatures from Network Flows
 - A Distributed Intrusion Detection System Based on Passive Sensors
 - Time signatures to detect multi-headed stealthy attack tools
- ▶ and probably more presentations where results come from honeypot...

Origins



The Cuckoo's egg

- ▶ Cliff Stoll, 1986
- ▶ ISBN: 0743411463



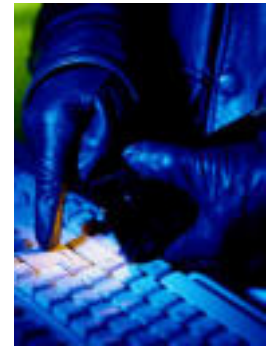
Idea: to learn the tools and motives of BH



- ▶ To learn the tools, tactics, and motives of the blackhat community, and share the lessons learned

- ▶ know your enemies
 - ▶ Sun Tzu was a Chinese military tactician who wrote 2500 years ago, 兵法, (The Art of War)

 - ▶ "know yourself and know your enemy, and of a hundred battles you will have a hundred victories."



Network observatory



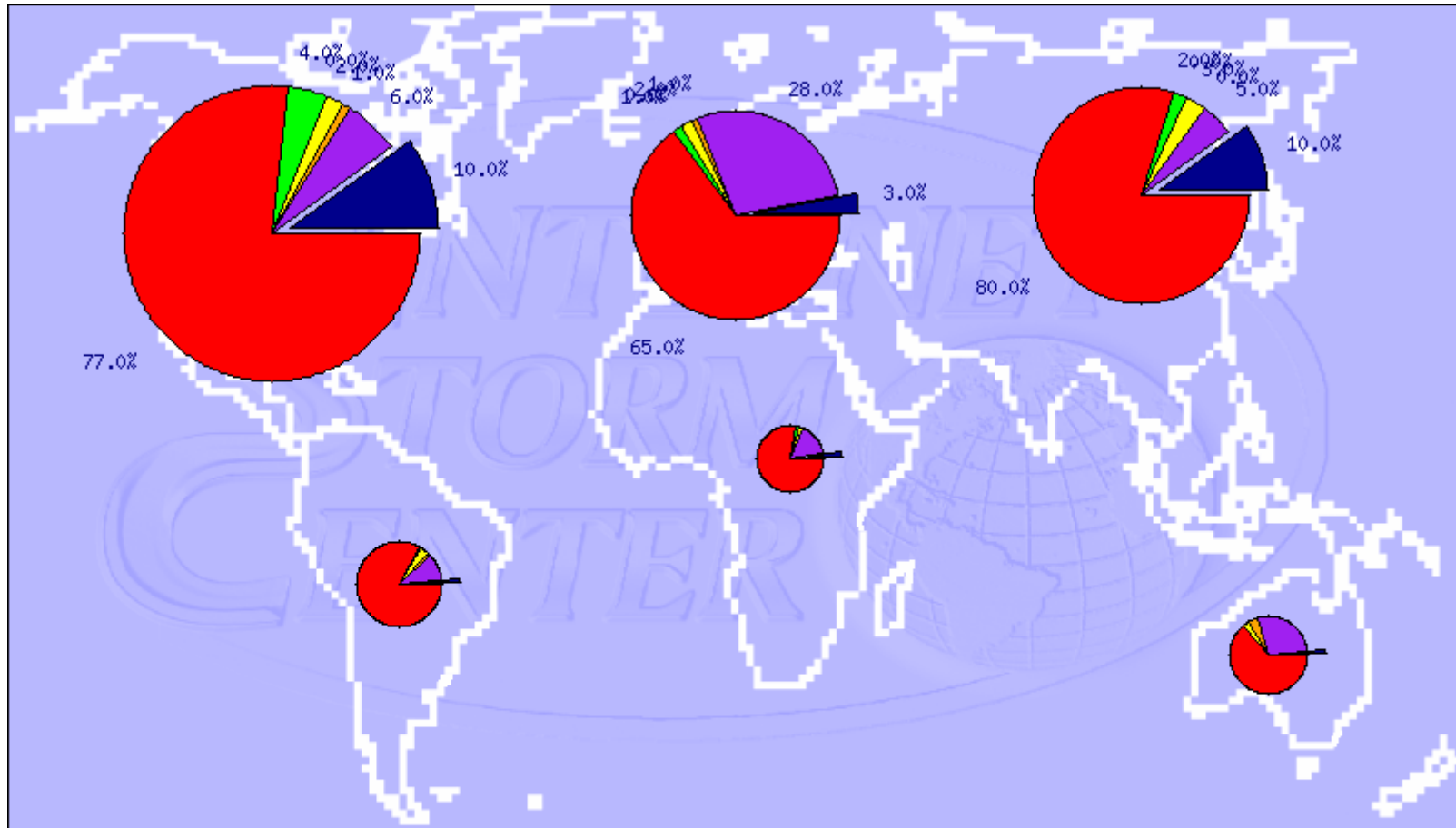
▶ Looking at the internet “background noise”

- ▶ Usually relies on distributed sensors
- ▶ Provided an overview on current threats across the internet

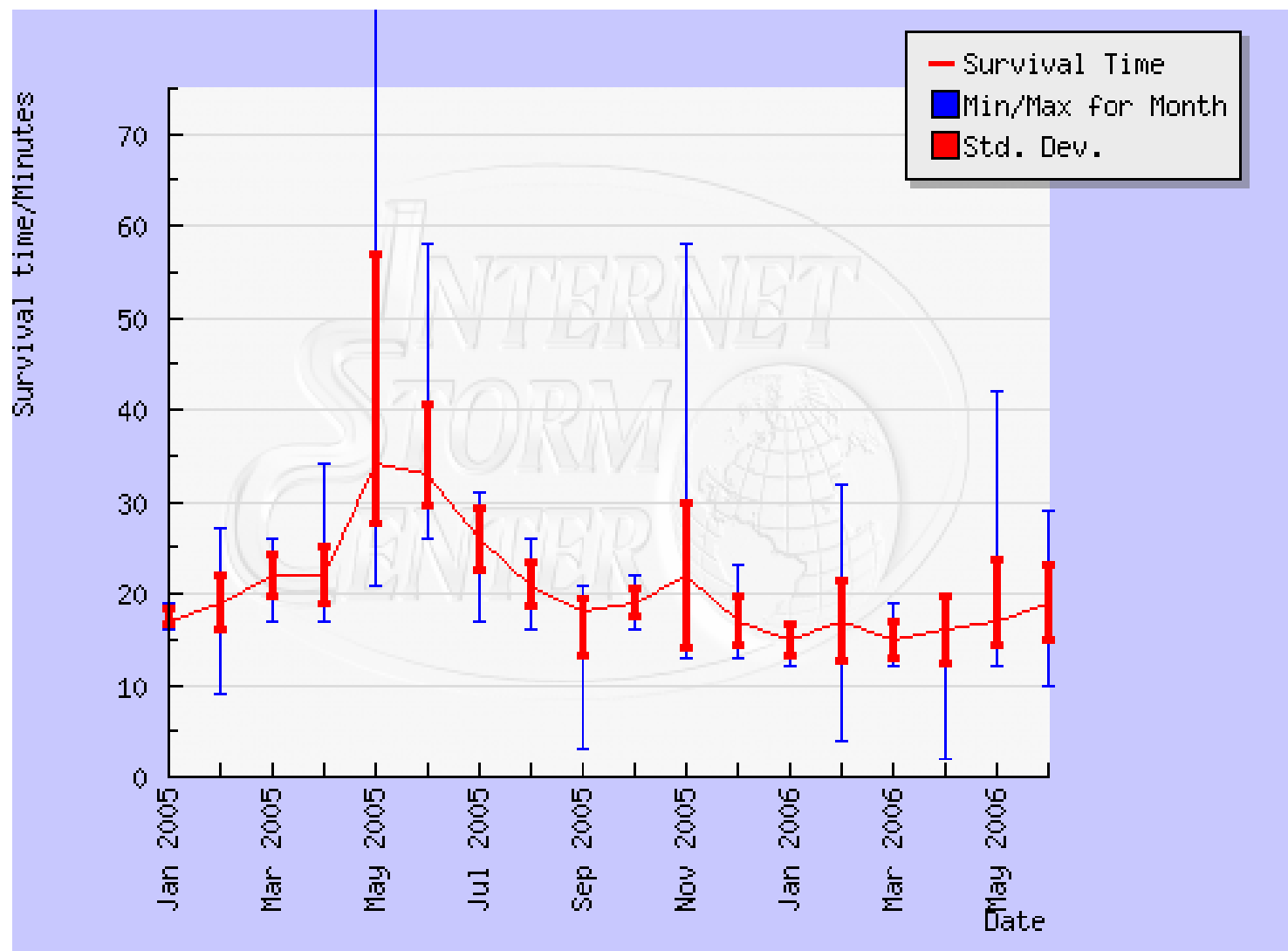
▶ Some examples

- ▶ <http://www.dshield.org> , <http://isc.sans.org> (SANS), ISC (Internet Storm Center)
- ▶ <http://xforce.iss.net> ISS XForce Alertcon (X-Force™ Threat Analysis Service)
- ▶ <http://www.mynetwatchman.com/> (firewall log analysis)

Dshield



Survival time ! (SANS)



Top 10 Target Ports



SANS - Internet Storm Center - Cooperative Cyber Threat Monitor And Alert System - Current Infosec News...

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Window Help

http://isc.incidents.org/top10.php?isc=d7c660467c3a5129ac0ccd

Last update June 08, 2004 21:43 pm GMT (5 minutes ago)

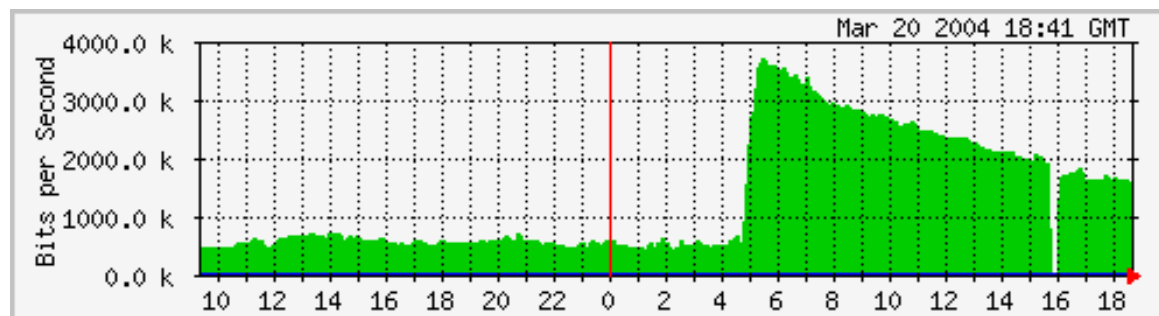
Top 10 Ports

Service Name	Port Number	30 day history	Explanation
epmap	135		DCE endpoint resolution
nterm	1026		remote_login network_terminal
icq	1027		icq instant messenger
ms-sql-m	1434		Microsoft-SQL-Monitor
netbios-ns	137		NETBIOS Name Service
microsoft-ds	445		Win2k+ Server Message Block
dabber	9898		[trojan] Dabber Worm backdoor
sasser-ftp	5554		[trojan] Sasser Worm FTP Server
mydoom	3127		W32/MyDoom, W32.Novarg.A backdoor
netbios-ssn	139		NETBIOS Session Service

Darknet & Network Telescope



- ▶ A Darknet is a portion of routed, allocated IP space in which no active services or servers reside
- ▶ It include one server (packet vacuum)
 - ▶ Gathers the packets and flows that enter the Darknet
 - ▶ Any packet that enters a Darknet is by its presence aberrant
 - ▶ Netflow analysis (and more...)
- ▶ Example: CAIDA, Team Cymru, Arbor...



Honeypot Principles (1/2)

▶ Honeypot is not a production system



- ▶ Every flow going to (or coming from) this system is suspicious by nature.
- ▶ This makes the analysis of collected data much easier.
- ▶ The trap must be well done in order to collect useful and interesting data.
- ▶ At the same time, the trap must be difficult to recognize by a potential hacker.

Honeypot Principles (2/2)



- ▶ **The honeypot can be « hidden » amongst production systems**
 - ▶ This allows to identify easily actions brought against these systems

- ▶ **The honeypot can be isolated on a DMZ**
 - ▶ This will allow to unmask « curious people » who are too interested by the equipments on the DMZ

- ▶ **The honeypot can be implemented on the Intranet**
 - ▶ Behaviors can be analyzed...

- ▶ **And why not a honeypot « Wireless / 802.11b » ?**

- ▶ **The system that will be chosen depends on the objectives**

Stakes



▶ Pros

- ▶ Collected data are on principle interesting
- ▶ Few « false positive » / « false negative »
- ▶ High value data



▶ Cons

- ▶ Incurred risks when using such a system
 - Bounce: a hacker may attack another site from the honeypot
 - Provocation: a hacker may feel « provoked » and « avenge »
- ▶ Important resources needed to operate such a system
 - Skills, time
 - But results can be mutualized

Objectives



- ▶ **In the research field**
 - ▶ Knowing trends in the attacks domain
 - ▶ Knowing one's enemies
 - ▶ Catch next tools (worm...)

- ▶ **In order to make the environment more secure**
 - ▶ Detection of new attacks

- ▶ **In order to get prepared in case of attacks on operational networks**

- ▶ **And in order to learn how to protect oneself**



In a nutshell (honeynet project)



- ▶ A honeypot is an information system resource whose value lies in unauthorized or illicit use of that resource
- ▶ Has no production value, anything going to or from a honeypot is likely a probe, attack or compromise
- ▶ Primary value to most organizations is information

From Wikipedia...



A honeypot is a trap set to detect or deflect attempts at unauthorized use of information systems.

Generally it consists of a computer, data or a network site that appears to be part of a network but which is actually isolated and protected, and which seems to contain information that would be of value to attackers.

Different family of honeypot



- ▶ **Two distinct types**

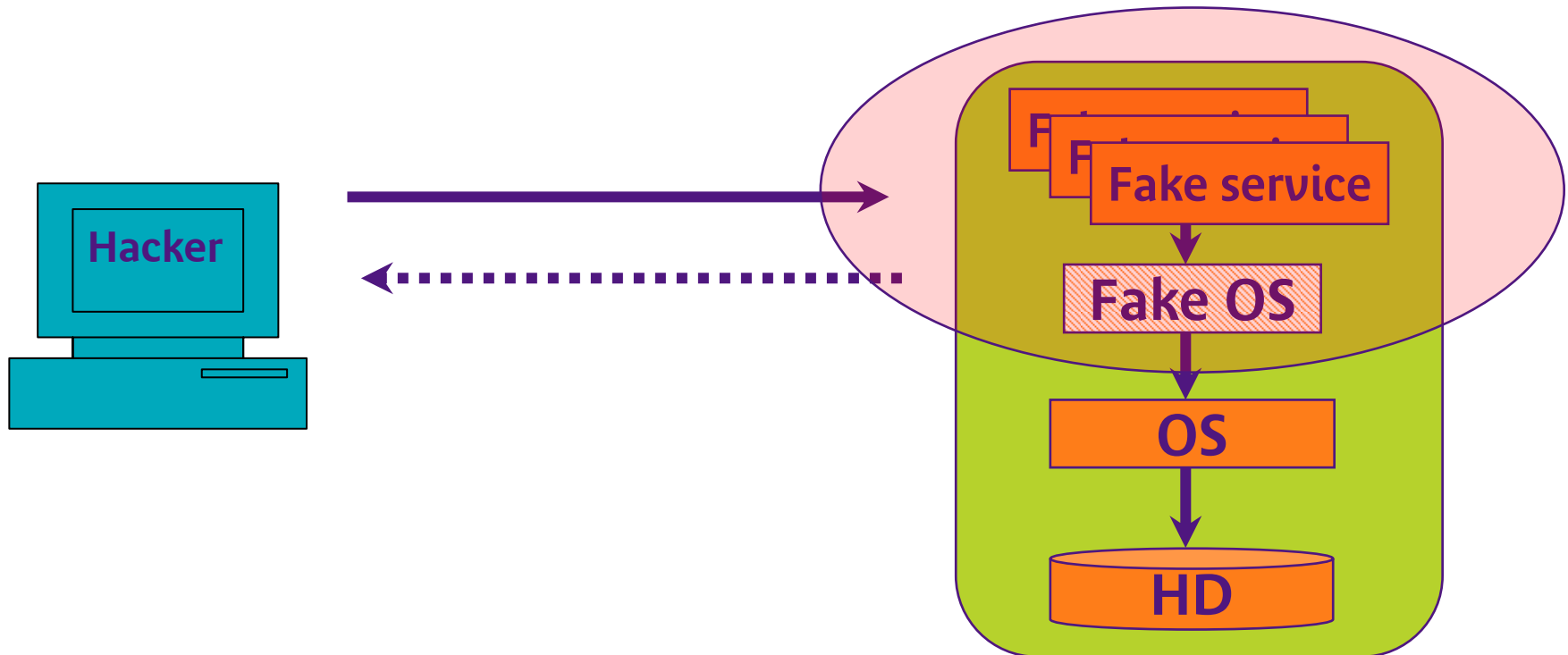
- ▶ **Low interaction**
 - ▶ And low risk
 - ▶ Used to produce statistics on attacks

- ▶ **High interaction**
 - ▶ Usually know as “research”
 - ▶ Many possibilities

Low Interaction



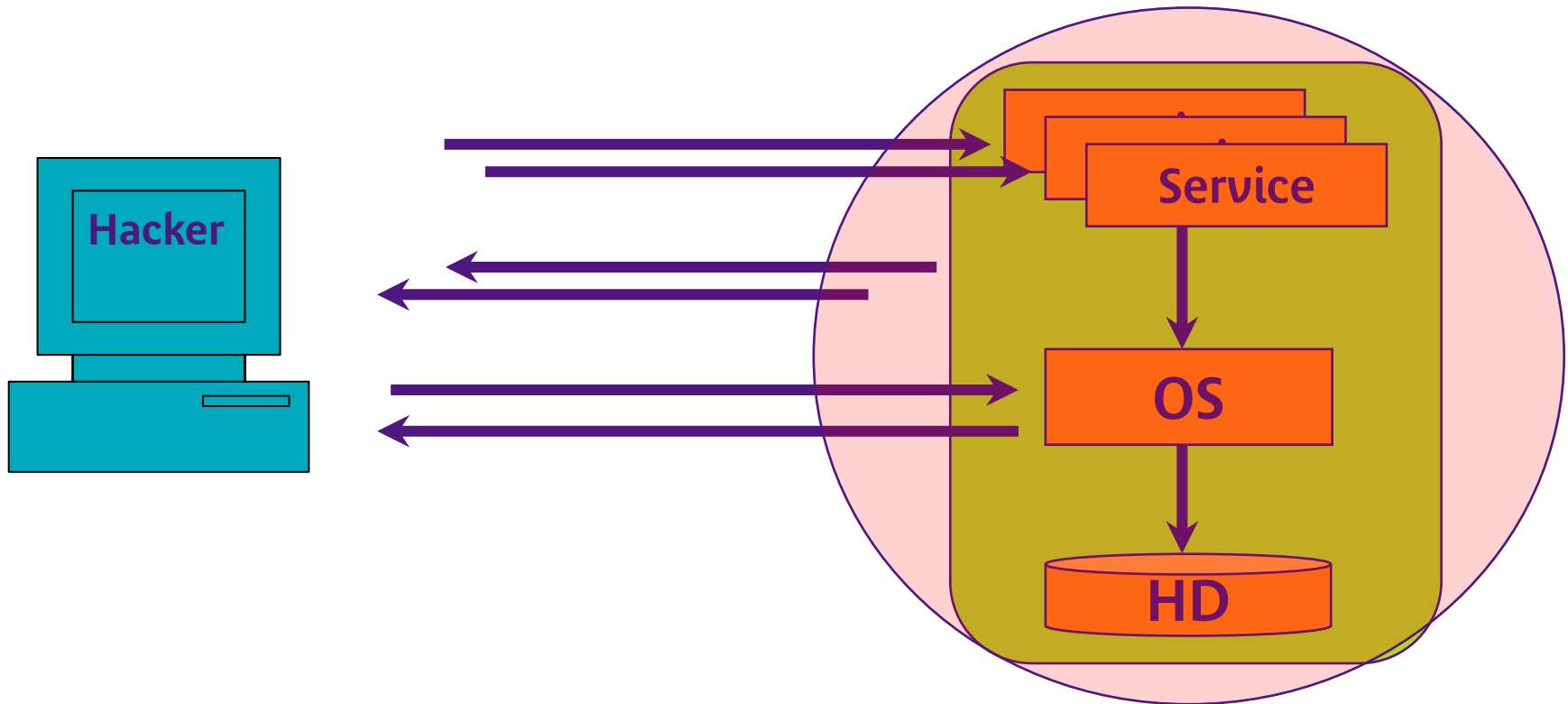
- ▶ Emulate services, networks & fingerprints
- ▶ Log all interaction
- ▶ *Honeyd* is widely used to build low interaction HP



High Interaction



- ▶ Allow full access to services and OS
- ▶ Ability to capture “0-day attacks”
- ▶ May be risky...



Some honeypot softwares



▶ Low interaction HP

- ▶ **BackOfficer Friendly (BOF)** – NFR Security
 - <http://www.nfr.com/products/bof/overview.shtml>
- ▶ **KFSensor** – KeyFocus Ltd
 - <http://www.keyfocus.net/kfsensor/index.php>
- ▶ **Deception Toolkit (DTK)** – Fred Cohen & Associates
 - <http://www.all.net/dtk/index.html>
- ▶ See <http://www.honeypots.net/honeypots/products>

BackOfficerFriendly...



Live demo!

KeyFocus...



The screenshot shows the KFSensor interface with a list of network connections. A large, semi-transparent watermark reading "Live demo!" is overlaid across the center of the window.

ID	Start Time	Protocol	Port	Source	Destination	Received
4365	20:59:07.125	TCP	80	RFB 003.003[0A]tm[1
4364	20:39:45.562	TCP	80	[04 01 01 01 01 01 01
4363	20:36:59.235	TCP	80	GET /default.ida?XXX>
4362	20:33:52.425	TCP	25	211.201.15.8	...	HELO 45xgl9b3rsi78s[
4361	15:55:55.625	TCP	80	www.vipondassociate...	...	[05 01 00]
4360	15:55:53.035	TCP	80	www.vipondassociate...	...	[04 01 01 A4 D1 A4 1.
4359	16:02:35.285	TCP	21	p508E3E58.dip.t-diali...	...	USER anonymous[0D
4358	16:02:53.345	TCP	17300	Kuang 2, Trojan	12-230-64-180.client....	
4357	15:58:17.187	UDP	111	sunrpc	61.185.147.2	g[00]#[A6 00 00 00 00
4356	15:51:01.015	TCP	80	IIS	VICENTE-PL4D3RX	GET /scripts/..%252f.
4355	15:15:00.828	TCP	80	IIS	VICENTE-PL4D3RX	GET /scripts/..%25%:
4354	15:15:00.593	TCP	80	IIS	VICENTE-PL4D3RX	GET /scripts/..%35:
4353	15:15:00.375	TCP	80	IIS	VICENTE-PL4D3RX	GET /scripts/..%35'
4352	15:15:00.140	TCP	80	IIS	VICENTE-PL4D3RX	GET /scripts/..%c1%'
4351	15:14:59.921	TCP	80	IIS	VICENTE-PL4D3RX	GET /scripts/..%c0%'
4350	15:14:59.671	TCP	80	IIS	VICENTE-PL4D3RX	GET /scripts/..%c0%'
4349	15:14:59.437	TCP	80	IIS	VICENTE-PL4D3RX	GET /scripts/..%c1%:
4348	15:14:59.250	TCP	80	IIS	VICENTE-PL4D3RX	GET /msadc/..%255c.
4347	15:14:59.062	TCP	80	IIS	VICENTE-PL4D3RX	GET /_mem_bin/..%2!
4346	15:14:58.796	TCP	80	IIS	VICENTE-PL4D3RX	GET /_vti_bin/..%255

Specter



Specter Control

Engine Version : **R** 8.00
Threads : 17
Connections so far : 0

Vulnerability DB update installed (4897 bytes) [Fri Jan 28 22:19:34 2005]
Content DB is up-to-date [Fri Jan 28 22:19:46 2005]

FTP running
TELNET running
SMTP running
FINGER running
HTTP running
NETBUS running
DNS running
SUB-7 running
SUN-RPC running
POP3 running
IMAP4 running
BO2K running
SSH running
GENERIC running

Engine Messages Errors Connections

Start Engine Reconfigure Load About
Stop Engine Log Analyzer Save License

Host Name : athena.mit.edu ? User Configuration ?
System Name : OUTPOST ? Network Configuration ?
Configuration Version : 1.0 ? Web Service Configuration ?
Mail Server IP Address : 192.168.1.250 ?
Mail Address : admin@specter.com ? Include settings in mails ?
Short Mail Address : nci@specter.com ? Status Mail Period [h] : 24 ?

Remote Management Port : 28 Set Password ?
 Expect friendly connections IP Addresses ?
 Use custom mail message for POP3 Edit Message ?
 Use custom warning message ?

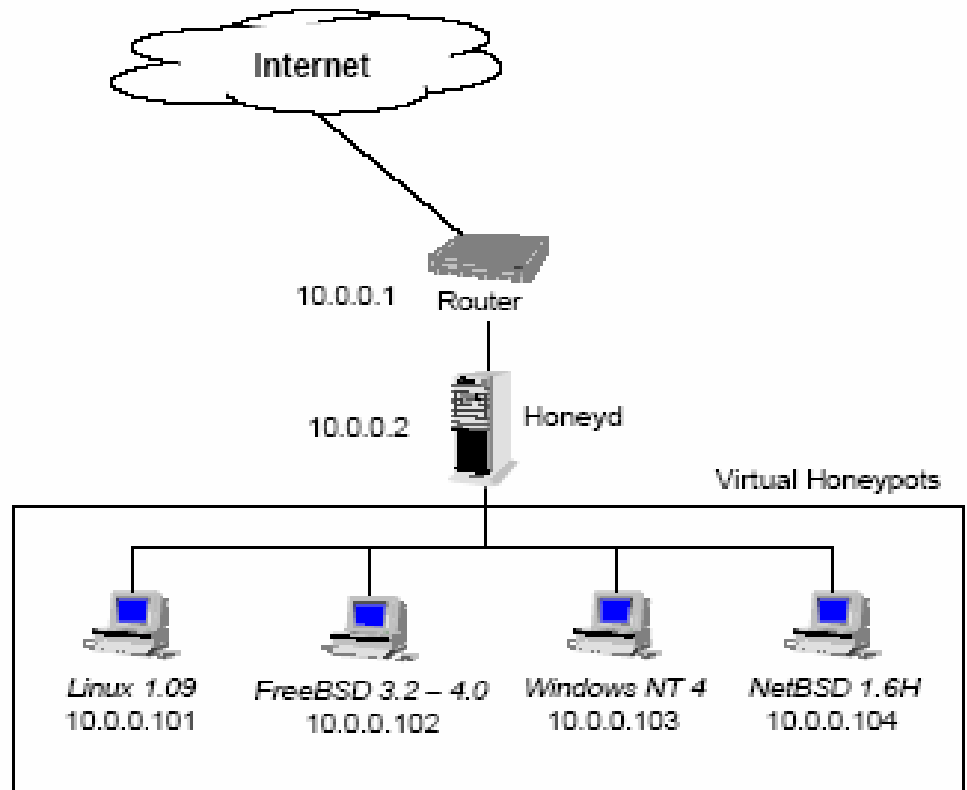
Your actions are logged, intrusion alert was activated!

Honeyd

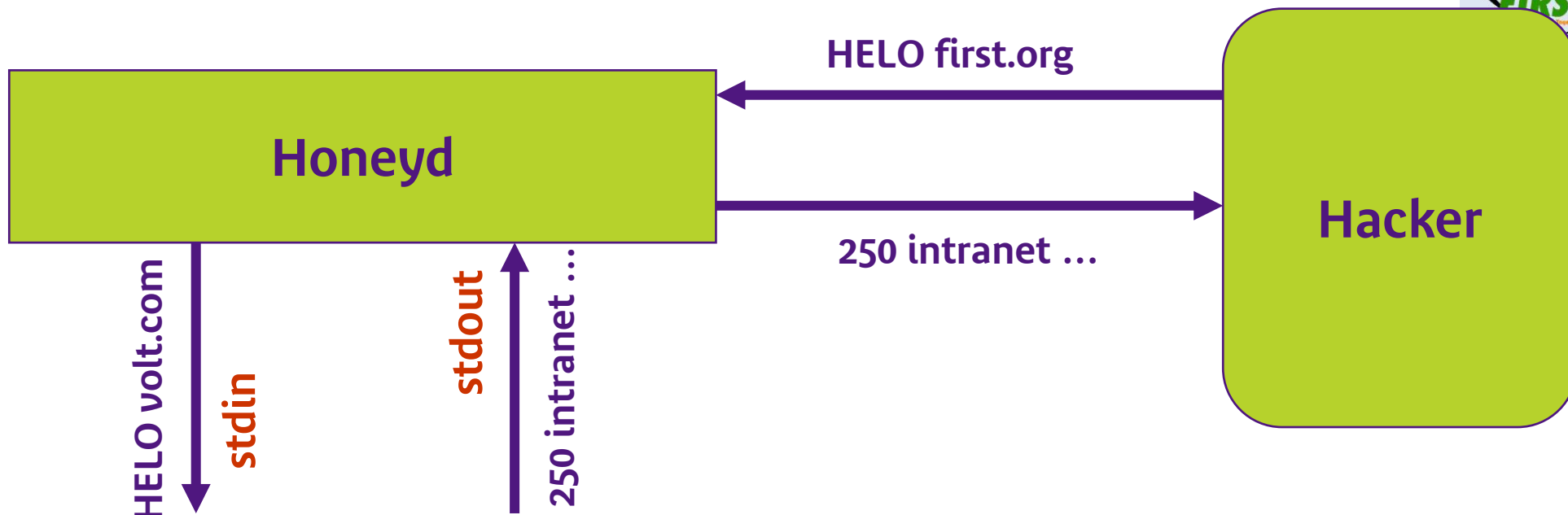


- ▶ Written by Niels Provos in 2002
- ▶ Low interaction virtual HP
- ▶ Released under GPL
- ▶ v1.5a available at www.honeyd.org

- ▶ Simulates boxes on unused IP space (with ARPD)
 - Oses
 - Services
 - Network topology

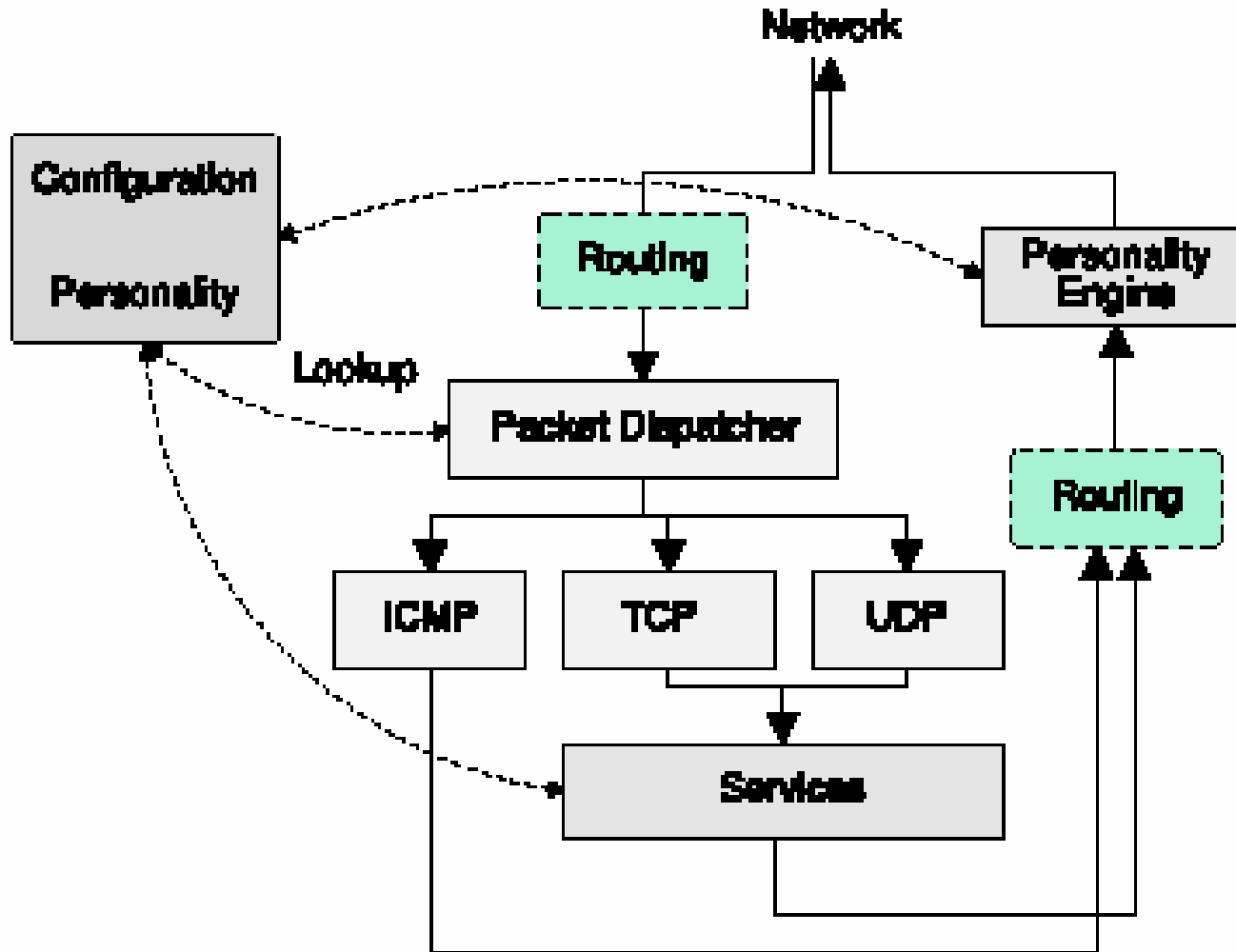


Honeyd – fake services



```
echo "220 intranet ESMTTP Sendmail 8.1"
while read data
{
    if data ~ "HELO" then ...
    if data ~ "MAIL FROM" then ...
    ...
}
```

Honeyd – architecture



Honeyd – accounting



▶ Two levels

▶ Network packets

- Done by Honeyd daemon
- Information on packet headers (no payload)

```
2005-01-10-15:13:39.7650 tcp(6) S 194.174.14.3 2739 22.33.18.26 21 [windows XP SP1]
2005-01-10-15:13:41.2517 tcp(6) E 194.174.14.3 2739 22.33.18.26 21: 233 1072
```

▶ Service level

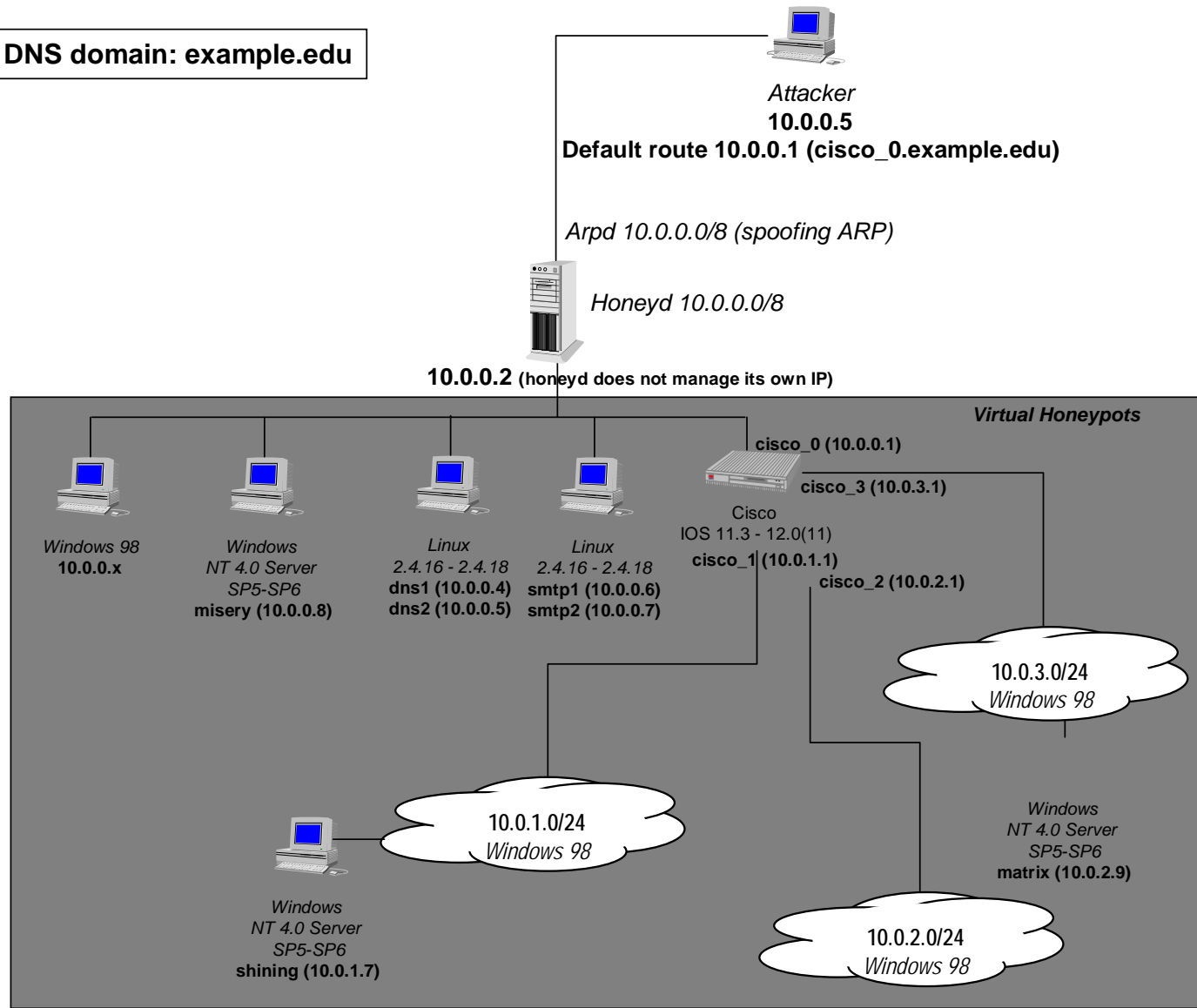
- Done in service scripts

```
2005-01-10-15:13:39 194.174.14.3:2739 > 22.33.18.26:21
USER anonymous
PASS Ngpuser@home.com
CWD /
CWD /_vti_pvt/
```

Honeyd – Advanced architecture (1/2)



DNS domain: example.edu



Honeyd – Advanced architecture (2/2)



▶ Honeyd.conf

```
> ## Honeyd configuration file ##
> ### Default computers
> create default
> set default personality "Windows 98"
> set default default tcp action reset
> set default default udp action reset
> add default tcp port 139 open
> add default tcp port 137 open
> add default udp port 137 open
> add default udp port 135 open
> set default uptime 398976
> ### Windows computers
> create windows
> set windows personality "Windows NT 4.0 Server SP5-SP6"
> set windows default tcp action reset
> set windows default udp action reset
> add windows tcp port 80 "perl scripts/iis-0.95/iisemul8.pl"
> add windows tcp port 139 open
> add windows tcp port 137 open
> add windows udp port 137 open
> add windows udp port 135 open
> set windows uptime 3284460
> bind 10.0.0.8 windows
> bind 10.0.1.9 windows
> bind 10.0.2.10 windows
> ### Linux 2.4.x computer
> create dns_server
> set dns_server personality "Linux 2.4.7 (X86)"
> set dns_server default tcp action reset
> set dns_server default udp action reset
> add dns_server udp port 53 "perl scripts/HoneyDNS.pl -
udp"
> add dns_server tcp port 21 "sh scripts/ftp.sh"
> set dns_server uptime 3284460
> bind 10.0.0.4 dns_server
> bind 10.0.0.5 dns_server
> ### Linux 2.4.x computer
> create smtp_server
> set smtp_server personality "Linux 2.4.7 (X86)"
> set smtp_server default tcp action reset
> set smtp_server default udp action reset
> add smtp_server tcp port 110 "sh scripts/pop3.sh"
> add smtp_server tcp port 25 "sh scripts/smtp.sh"
> add smtp_server tcp port 21 "sh scripts/ftp.sh"
> add smtp_server tcp port 23 "perl scripts/router-telnet.pl"
> set smtp_server uptime 3284460
> bind 10.0.0.6 smtp_server
> bind 10.0.0.7 smtp_server
```

```
> # Cisco router
> create router
> set router personality "Cisco IOS 11.3 - 12.0(11)"
> set router default tcp action reset
> set router default udp action reset
> add router tcp port 23 "perl scripts/router-
telnet.pl"
> set router uid 32767 gid 32767
> set router uptime 1327650
> bind 10.0.0.1 router
> bind 10.0.1.1 router
> bind 10.0.2.1 router
> bind 10.0.3.1 router
> ### Routing configuration
> route entry 10.0.0.1
> route 10.0.0.1 link 10.0.0.0/24
> route 10.0.0.1 add net 10.0.1.0/24 10.0.1.1 latency 55ms
loss 0.1
> route 10.0.0.1 add net 10.0.2.0/24 10.0.2.1 latency 15ms
loss 0.01
> route 10.0.0.1 add net 10.0.3.0/24 10.0.3.1 latency 105ms
loss 0.2
> route 10.0.1.1 link 10.0.1.0/24
> route 10.0.2.1 link 10.0.2.0/24
> route 10.0.3.1 link 10.0.3.0/24
```

Honeyd



Live demo!

Honeyd – advanced features

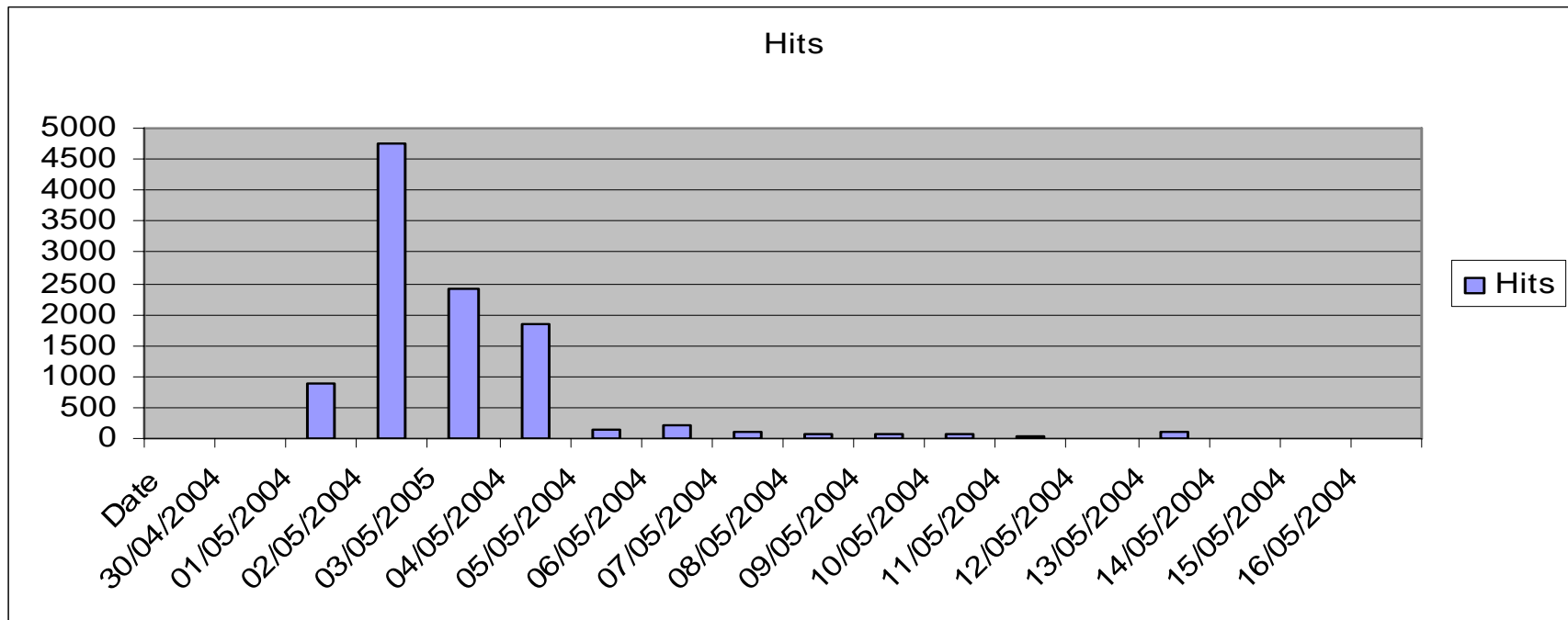


- ▶ **Subsystem virtualization**
 - ▶ Run real UNIX applications under virtual Honeyd IP addresses: web servers, ftp servers, etc...
- ▶ **Internal Web server for easy statistics...**
- ▶ **Management console that allows dynamic change on Honeyd configuration while Honeyd is running**
- ▶ **Dynamic templates**
 - ▶ Allows the configuration of a host to adapt depending on the operating system of the remote host, the time of day, the source IP address, etc.
- ▶ **Tarpit**
- ▶ **Passive fingerprintings (p0f)**

Feedback: Sasser detection (1/2)



- ▶ Sasser was seen for the first time on Saturday, May 1st 2004 from 7:50 pm (FTR&D Intranet)
- ▶ Number of hits per day



Sasser detection (2/2)



- ▶ **Maximum of activity on Sunday, May 2nd**
- ▶ **Thousands of hits on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th**
 - ▶ This does not mean thousands of machines were infected
 - ▶ In fact, 387 unique IP addresses were found (FTR&D site)
- ▶ **The worm was quickly brought down: 2 working days**
 - ▶ Monday and Tuesday following the infection

Honeyd: limitation



- ▶ **As a « low interaction » honeypot, there are some limitations**
 - ▶ Difficult to emulate complex (binaries) protocols
 - ▶ It is possible to « fingerprint » honeyd, thus identify the honeypot

- ▶ **Stability issues**
 - ▶ Under heavy load...

- ▶ **Security issues**
 - ▶ ?

High interaction HP



▶ Lots of work in this area

▶ Different generations

- ▶ Gen1 1999-2002
- ▶ Gen2 2002-2004
- ▶ Gen3 2005-...
- ▶ ...

▶ Towards honeynet (networks of honeypots)

Key points

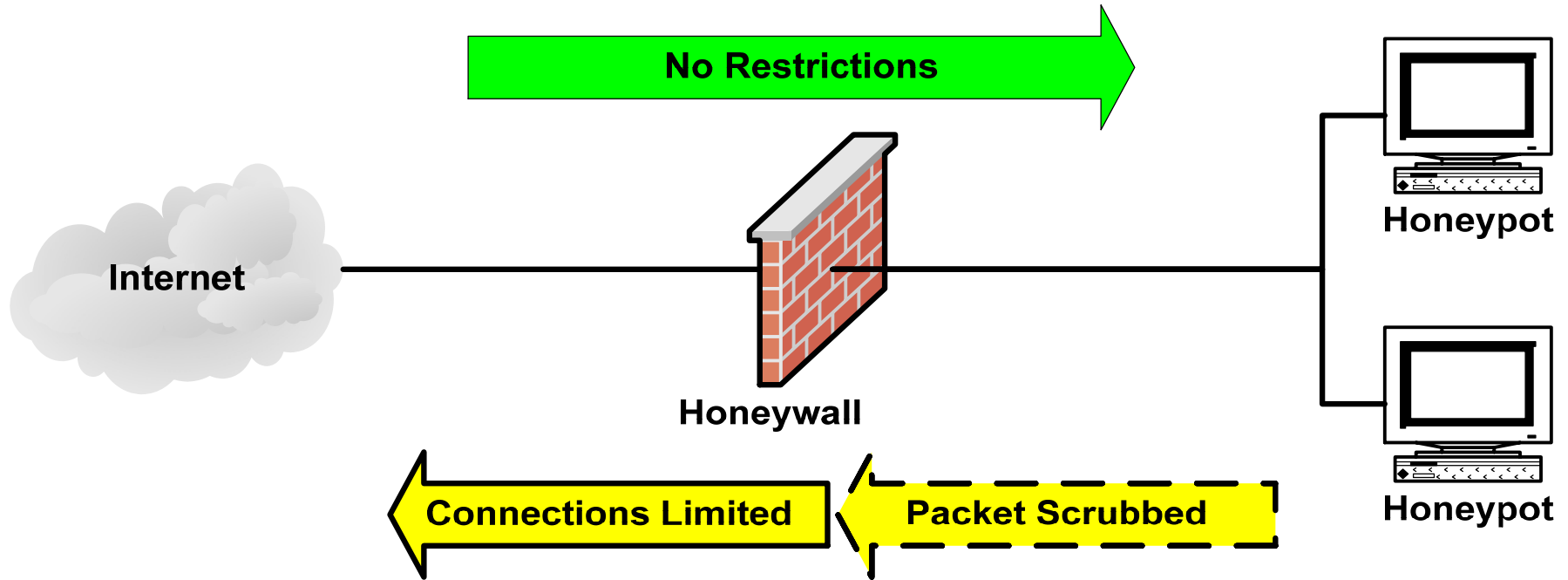


- ▶ **Strong needs to take care of incoming and outgoing traffic**
- ▶ **Data Control**
 - ▶ Filter outgoing packets to stop further attacks
- ▶ **Data capture**
 - ▶ Log every packet that enters and leaves honeypot

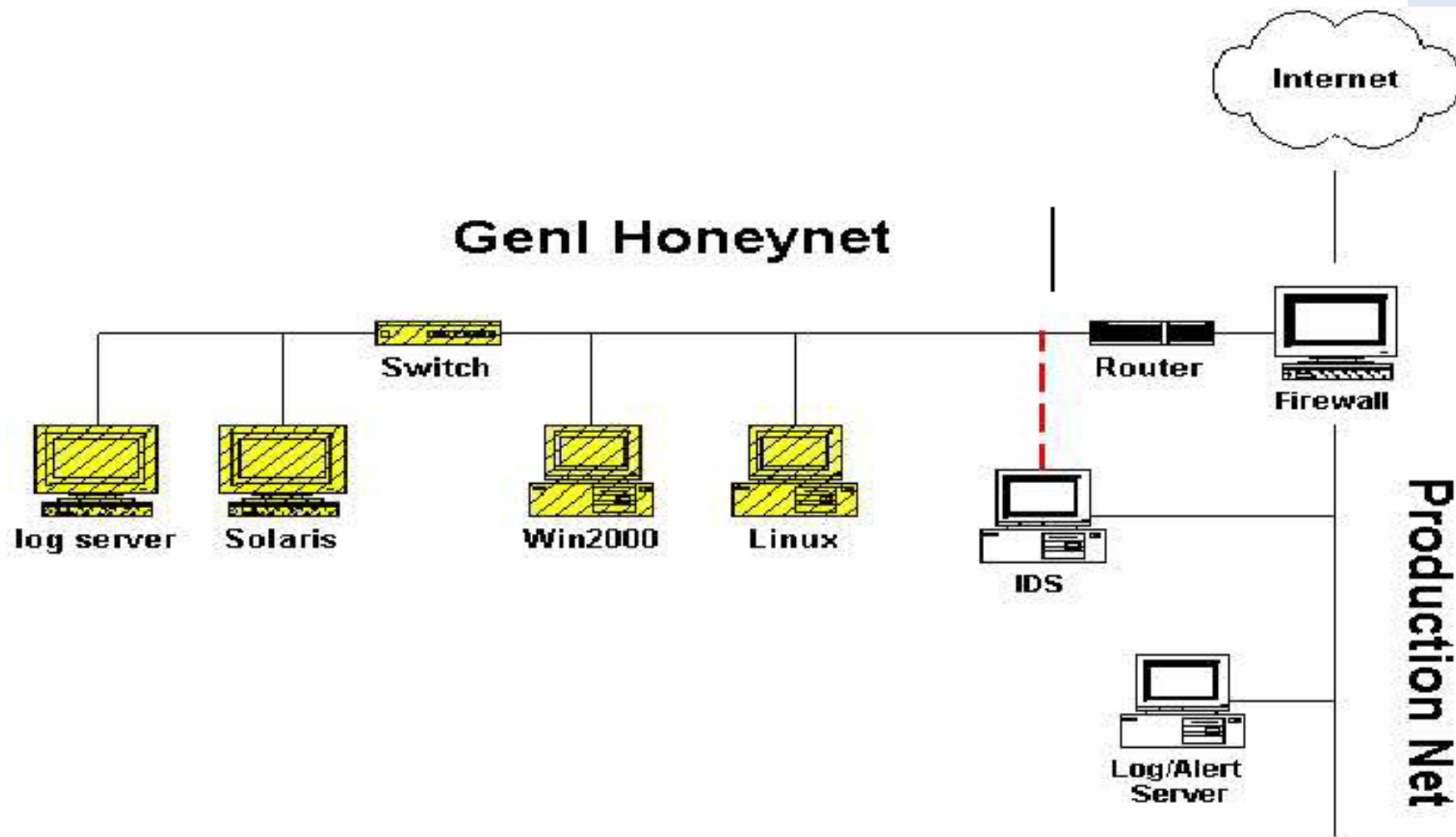
No “Data Control”



Data Control enabled



GEN I honeynet



GEN I honeynet



- ▶ **Controls outbound packets by passing through firewall and router**
- ▶ **Router somehow « hide » the firewall**
- ▶ **Data control is performed by the firewall**
 - ▶ Firewall keeps track of number of outbound connections
 - ▶ The more outbound activity allowed, the more can be learned
 - ▶ Might be risky!
- ▶ **Data capture**
 - ▶ The IDS gather all the information
 - ▶ All systems export their logs to remote syslog server

GEN I: analysis



- ▶ **The first « honeypot » solution**

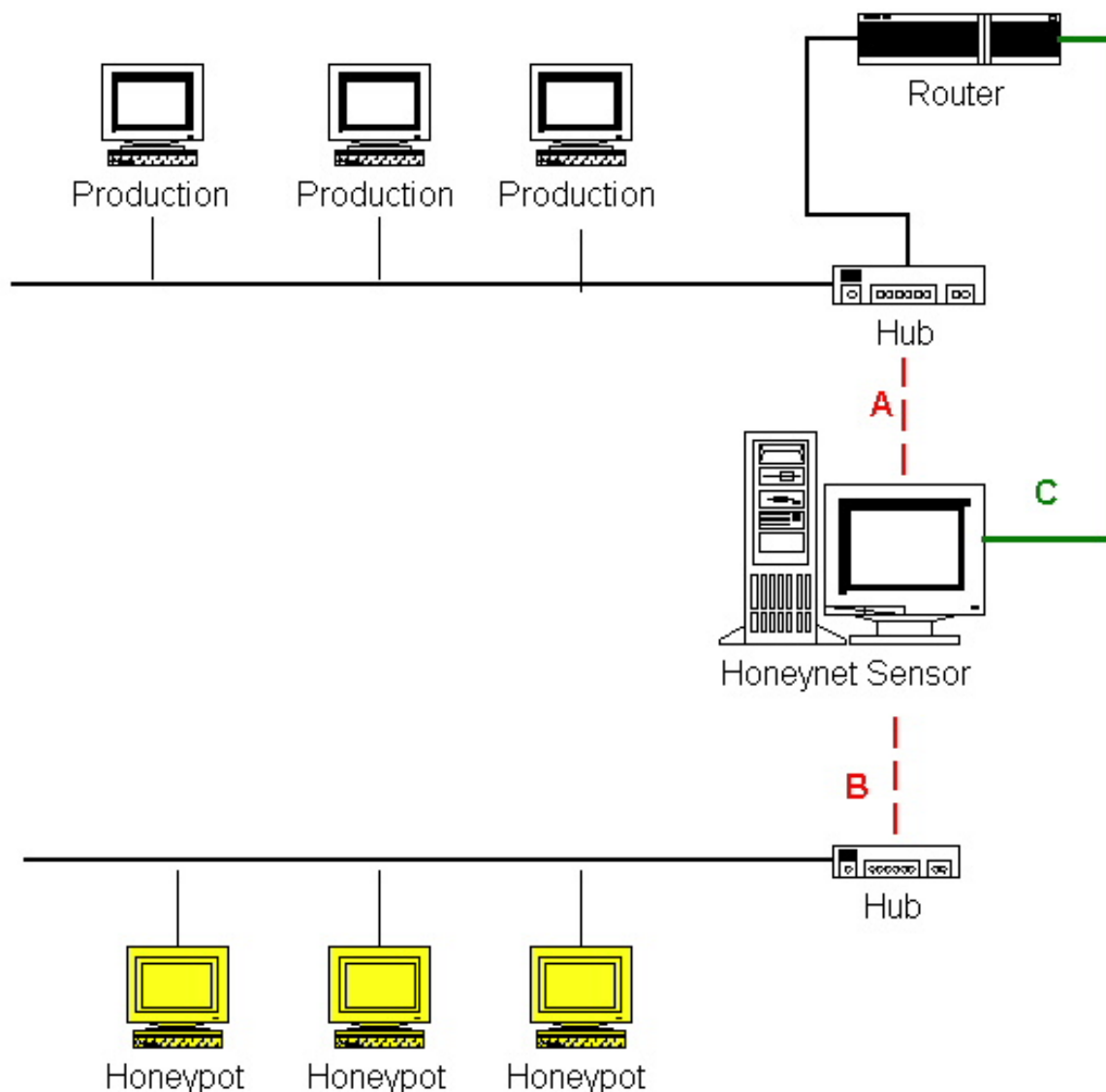
- ▶ **Data Control is quite hard to perform**
 - ▶ Need to filter on outbound activity (counter?)
 - ▶ Hackers can detect the trick
 - ▶ Difficult to fine tune

- ▶ **Data Capture is limited**
 - ▶ Only IDS and Syslog

- ▶ **Introducing GEN II architectures**

HoneyNet - GenII

2nd Generation HoneyNet - Version 0.2



HoneyNet Sensor Diagram

Sensor consists of a single system functioning as both Data Control and Data Capture requirements.

It consists of three interfaces. Two of the interfaces are layer2 (**outlined in RED**), acting as a switch which segments a production network. The third interface has an IP stack for remote connectivity. This is for both Data Collection and administration.

Interface A: Layer2 interface segmenting production network.

Interface B: Layer 2 interface segmenting HoneyNet network.

Interface C: Layer3 interface VPN connection to collection point.

Gen II analysis (1/2)



- ▶ **Gateway works at layer 2 (bridge mode)**
 - ▶ Very stealthy
- ▶ **Administration is performed using C interface**
- ▶ **Data Control & Data capture are done by the gateway (honeynet sensor)**

Gen II analysis (2/2)



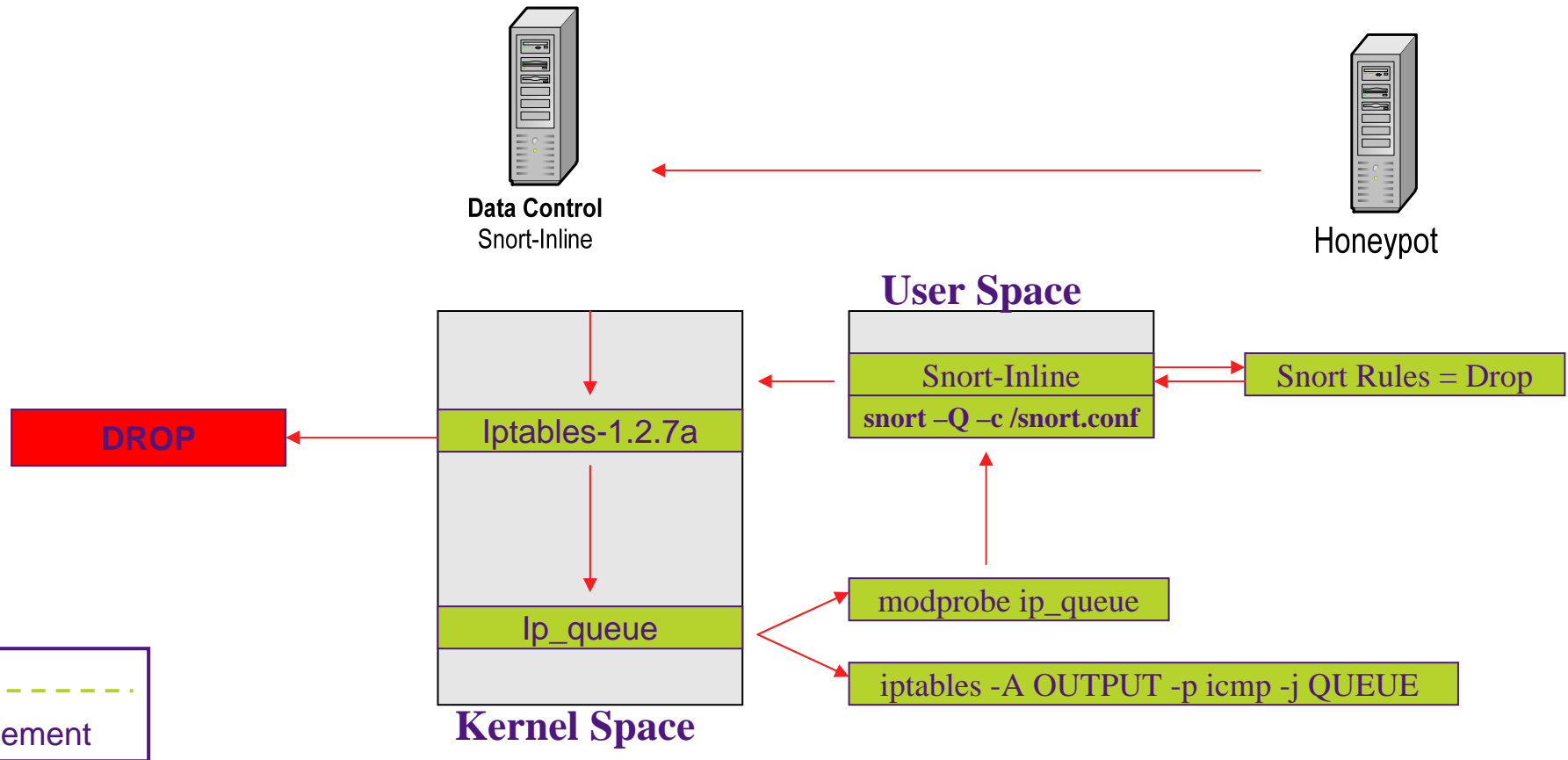
▶ **Advanced data control functionalities**

- ▶ IDS/IPS functionalities
- ▶ Relies on SNORT-INLINE
- ▶ <http://snort-inline.sourceforge.net>

▶ **Advanced data capture functionalities**

- ▶ Honeywall gathers firewall and snort logs
- ▶ Sebek runs on all honeypot
- ▶ Honeywall collects sebek logs

Snort-Inline Drop Rule



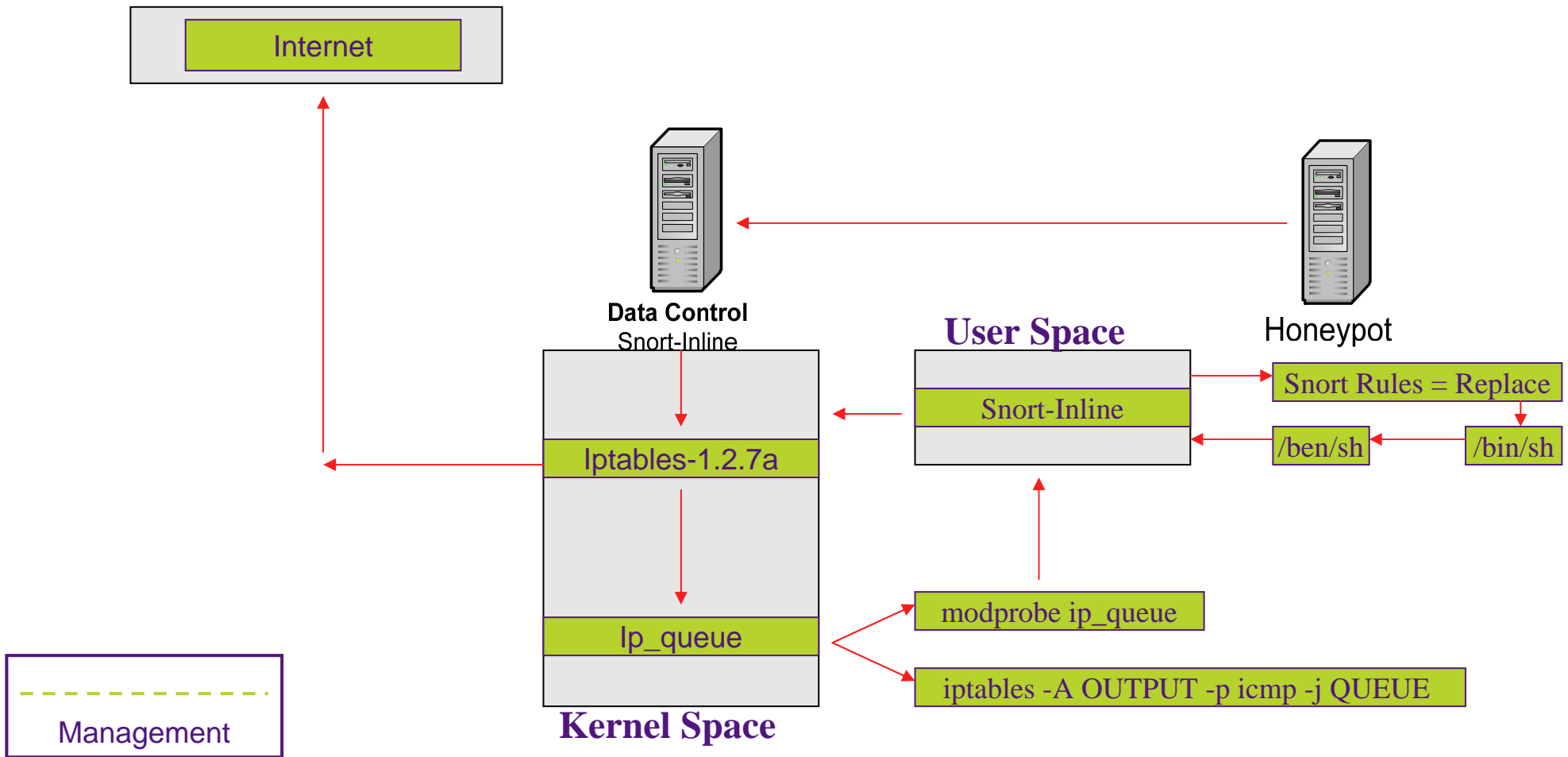
Snort-Inline Drop Rule



Exemple: DNS attack

```
drop tcp $HOME_NET any $EXTERNAL_NET 53
(msg:"DNS EXPLOIT named";flags: A+;
content:"|CD80 E8D7 FFFFFFFF|/bin/sh";
```

Snort-Inline Replace Mode



Snort-Inline Replace Rule



Exemple: DNS attack Can be very “stealth”

```
alert tcp $HOME_NET any -> $EXTERNAL_NET 53
(msg:"DNS EXPLOIT named";flags: A+;
content:"|CD80 E8D7 FFFFFFFF|/bin/sh";
replace:"|0000 E8D7 FFFFFFFF|/ben/sh";)
```

REPLACE MODE OPERATION



Outgoing Connection stream

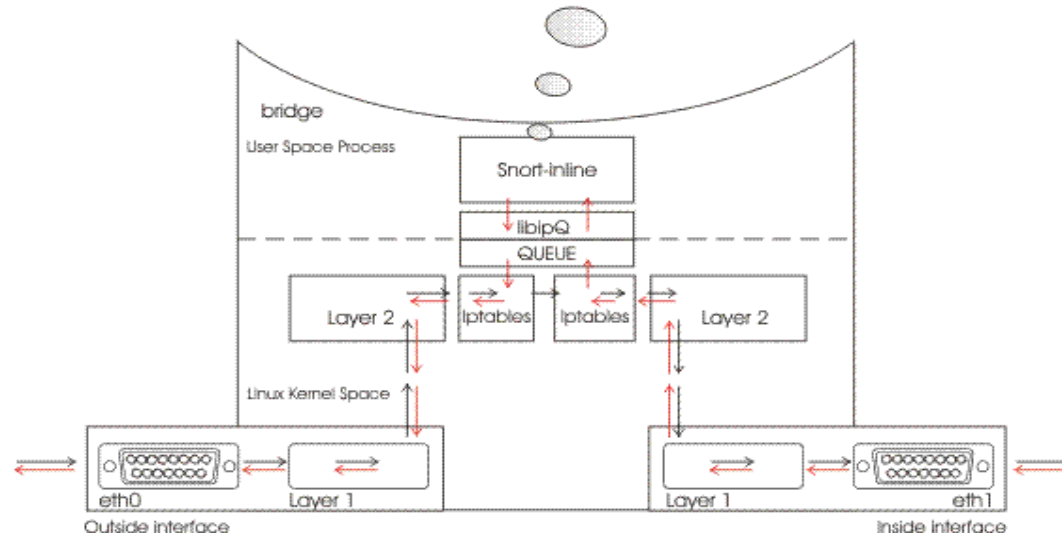
```
aa4e aa4e 4534
0000 ef2a 560b
12c6 6739 Cd80
EBD7 FFFF FF0a
b182 8bf3 802b
```

Known attack known attack
DNS EXPLOIT named

```
alert tcp $HOME_NET any ->
$EXTERNAL_NET 530(msg:"DNS EXPLOIT
named";flags:A+;
content:"|Cd80 EBD7 FFFFFF|/bin/sh";
replace:"|0000 EBD7 FFFFFF|/ben/sh");
```

Is this a known attack ?

Yes this is an Attack
Replace attack code with →
harmless code: /bin/sh
/ben/sh



Data Capture: Sebek



- ▶ **Tool developed by the honeynet project**

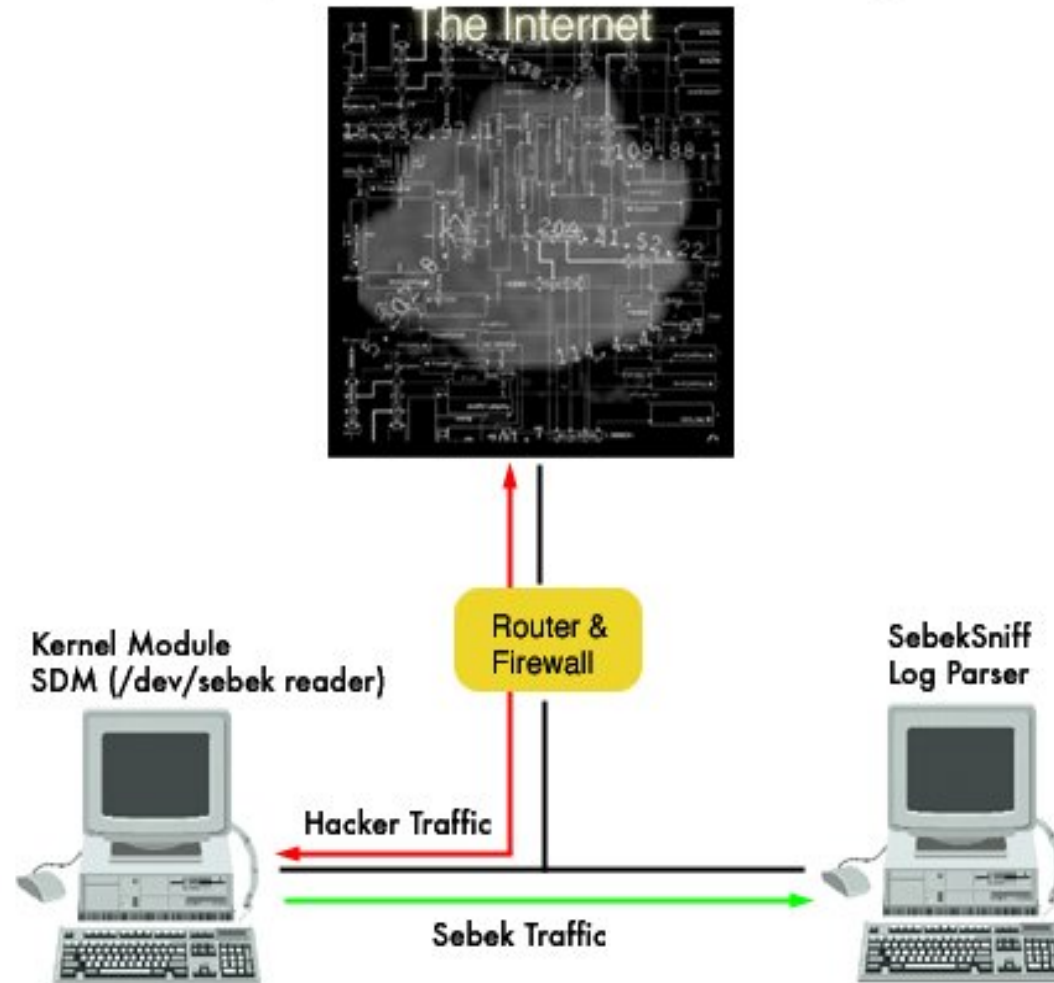
- ▶ **Very useful for “data capture”**
 - ▶ Hidden kernel module that captures all activity
 - ▶ Dumps activity to the network
 - ▶ Attackers cannot sniff any traffic based on magic number and destination port

- ▶ **<http://www.honeynet.org/tools/sebek/>**

Sebek Diagram



Diagram of Sebek/BSDsebek Network Setup

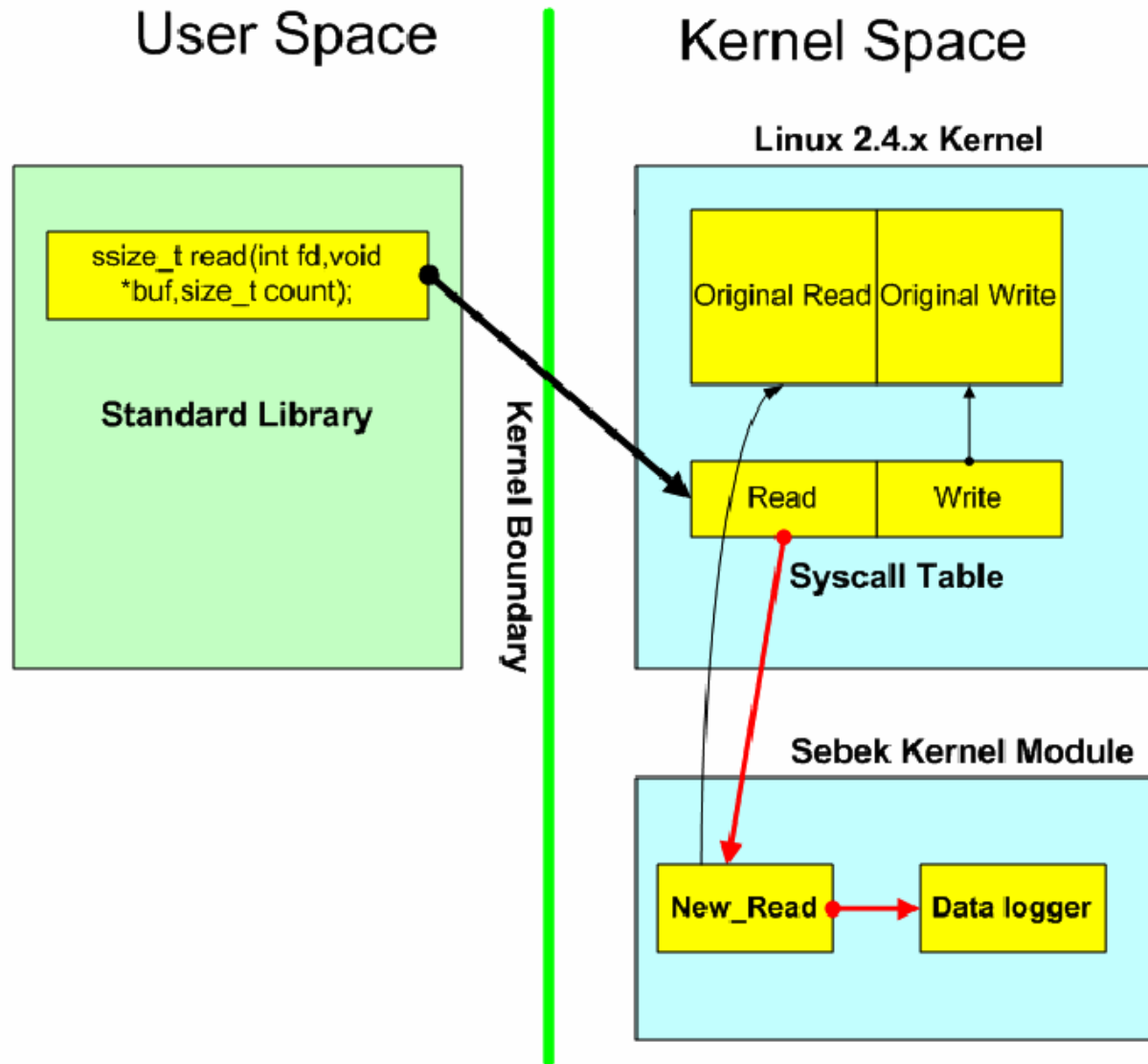


Sebek: Data capture

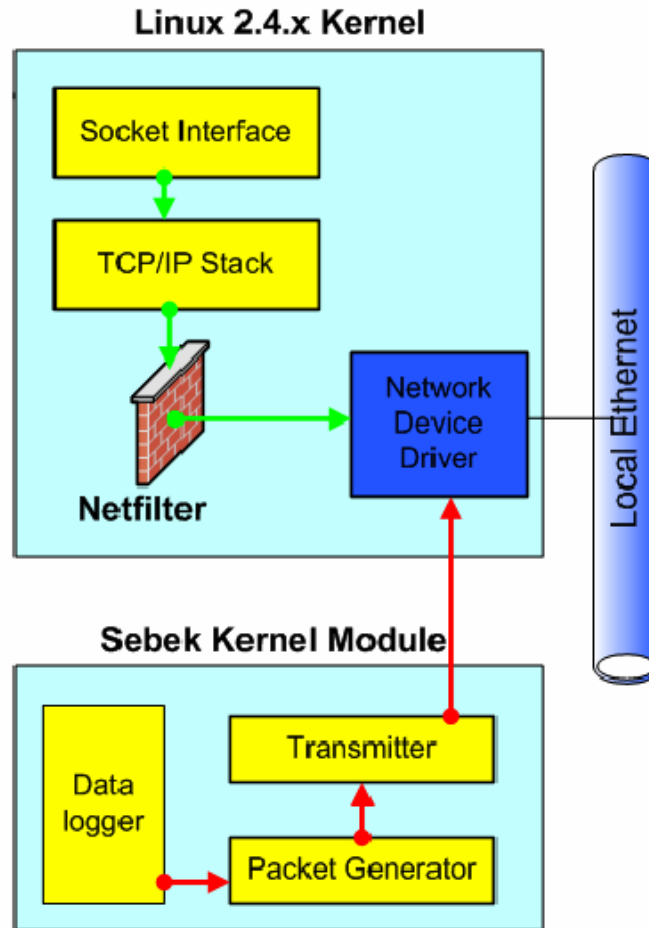


- ▶ The Sebek kernel module collects data passing through the *read()* system call
 - ▶ For example, this captures the intruder's ssh keystrokes and recovers scp file transfers.
- ▶ Sebek client relies on stealth techniques to hide. This also harden its detection. First Sebek version was relying on “the adore rootkit” to hide the sebek files and processes from the attacker
 - ▶ Sebek : <http://www.honeynet.org/papers/honeynet/tools/>
 - ▶ Adore: <http://www.team-teso.net/releases.php>

Sebek client: Sys_Read hooking



Sebek client



GUI Sebek



Mozilla

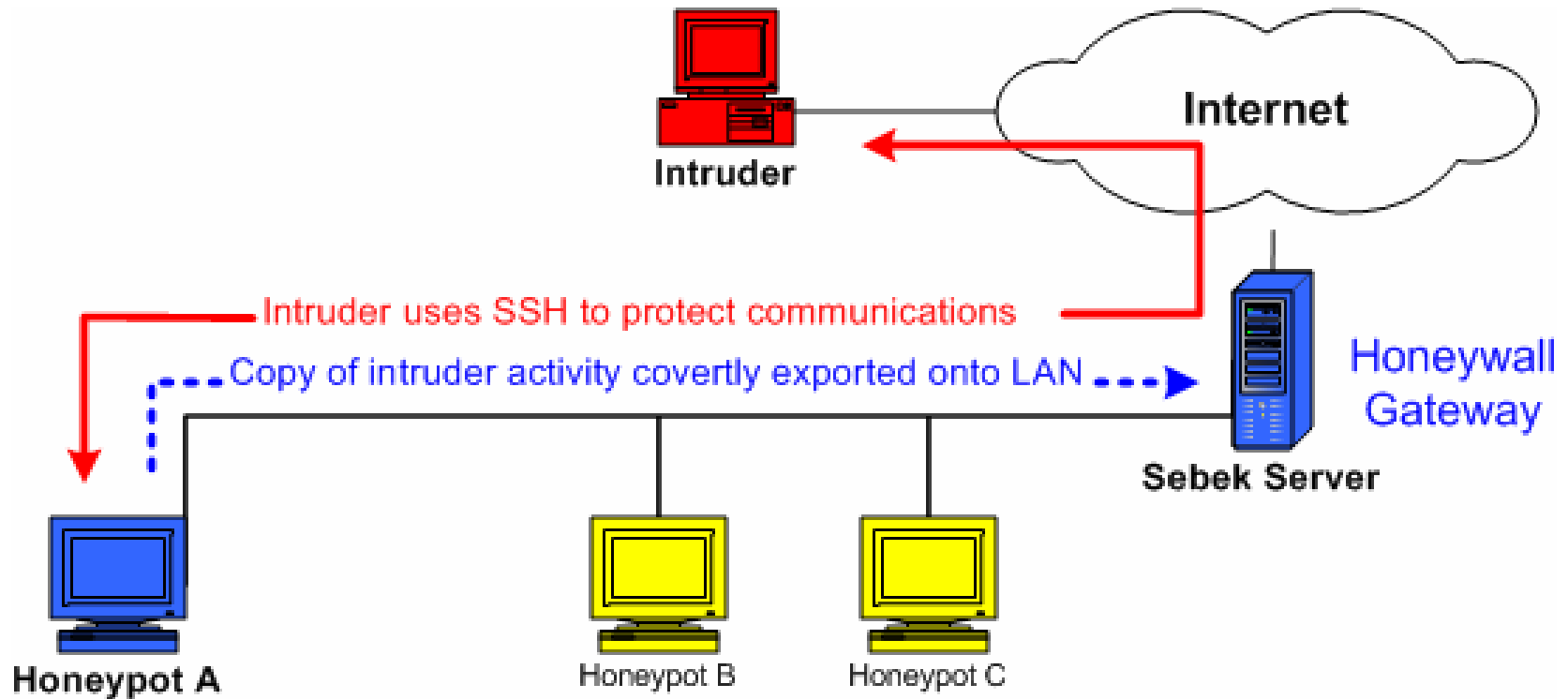
The Hidden Web **Sebek** Home | [Keystrokes](#) | [Browse](#) | [Search](#) Sun, 27 Jul 2003 15:46:40 -0500

Keystroke Summary View for IP: 10.0.1.13

Details	IP	PID	UID	COMMAND	FD	DATA
	10.0.1.13	1318	0	sh	0	[2003-07-23 20:04:33]# ls [2003-07-23 20:04:34]# less messages [2003-07-23 20:04:52]# cd /etc [2003-07-23 20:04:54]# mkdir ... [2003-07-23 20:04:57]# ls
	10.0.1.13	1323	0	less	3	[2003-07-23 20:04:55]# \000 [2003-07-23 20:04:50]# q
	10.0.1.13	1321	0	w	6	[2003-07-23 20:04:09]# w\000
	10.0.1.13	1271	500	bash	0	[2003-07-23 20:03:29]# ho[ps] [ps] who [2003-07-23 20:03:33]# w [2003-07-23 20:03:43]# ./malware [2003-07-23 20:03:47]# chmod ux[ps] +x mal [2003-07-23 20:03:52]# ./mal
	10.0.1.13	1312	500	w	6	[2003-07-23 20:03:33]# w\000
	10.0.1.13	1271	500	bash	3	[2003-07-23 20:03:24]# [BS] [BS]
	10.0.1.13	1304	500	tput	3	[2003-07-23 20:03:24]# \000
	10.0.1.13	1305	500	wc	0	[2003-07-23 20:03:24]# [BS]
	10.0.1.13	1307	500	tput	3	[2003-07-23 20:03:24]# \000
	10.0.1.13	1302	500	tput	3	[2003-07-23 20:03:24]# \000
	10.0.1.13	1252	0	mingetty	0	[2003-07-23 20:03:16]# blackhat
	10.0.1.13	1263	0	sshd	7	[2003-07-23 20:02:07]# \000\000\000
	10.0.1.13	1264	500	scp	0	[2003-07-23 20:02:07]# C0664 38802 malware [2003-07-23 20:02:09]# \000
	10.0.1.13	1263	0	sshd	3	[2003-07-23 20:02:09]# \000
		0	0	sshd	4	[2003-07-23 20:02:02]# SSH-2.0-OpenSSH_3.1p1

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Sebek network



Sebek... what's next



▶ Lots of work on Sebek and “anti sebek” techniques

- ▶ See Fake Phrack mag #62 for example
- ▶ Kernel module detection
- ▶ Sebek

▶ New research on the topic

- ▶ EuSec 06: Xebek... (more on this later)

Other HP usages



- ▶ WiFi Honeypots
- ▶ Virtual honeypots
- ▶ Honeypots and Worms
- ▶ Distributed Honeypots
- ▶ Honeyclients
- ▶ Honeypot farms
- ▶ Honey net project
- ▶ Legal issues

Wireless Honeypots



- ▶ **Wireless technologies are more and more available**
 - ▶ In corporate networks
 - ▶ In home networks
 - ▶ In hot spots
 - ▶ ...

- ▶ **New technologies such as VoIP/WLAN, UMA (Unlicensed Mobile Access)... are new ways to circumvent your security policy**

- ▶ **Seems that wireless honeypot could help us in evaluating these new risks**

Wireless Honeypots



- ▶ **Today, most corporate wireless access are still based on IPsec tunneling**
 - ▶ Implies that Wi-Fi networks are using « Open » mode
- ▶ **Two options for a « Wireless Honeypot »**
 - ▶ A classic option is a wired honeypot near your IPsec gateway!
 - ▶ Another option is a fully featured virtual network emulated reachable from an open wireless access point

Wireless Honeypot?



▶ Goals

- ▶ Statistics on « Wardriving »
- ▶ Knowledge and understanding of hackers' motivations
 - « intelligence » aspects
- ▶ Knowledge of new technologies and tools
 - Wi-Fi hacker Toolbox

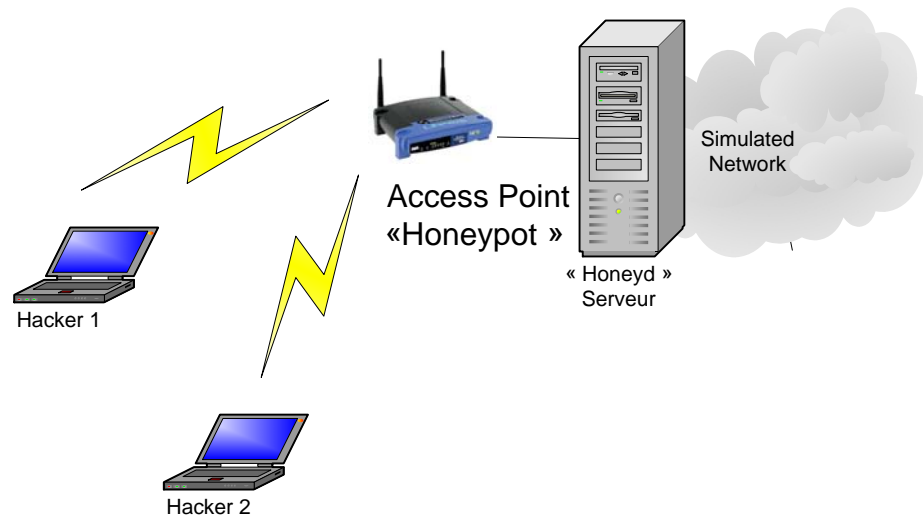
▶ Pros

- ▶ Looks like a typical Wi-Fi network
- ▶ Level 2 technology: detection of all customers equipments looking for Wi-Fi networks (even without connection)

Wireless Honeypot



- ▶ Based on a real AP, and on a *honeyd* server emulating a full network
- ▶ All traffic is monitored and captured
- ▶ Can fool hacker and wardriver



Wireless Honeytrap



▶ After some experiments...

- ▶ Most of the connection are just looking for internet access (<http://www.google.fr>)
- ▶ More interesting, many clients do some “automatic” connections (ex: under Windows XP, auto_connect)
- ▶ This can be very dangerous (information leak, hole on the system...)

Wireless Honeytrap



- ▶ Thanks to Tino H.
- ▶ His help made the demo possible...
 - ▶ One of our laptop died in the plane

Live demo!

Virtual Honey pots (1/3)



▶ New “architecture” to build honeynet

▶ Ideas

- ▶ Run everything on a single computer
- ▶ Relies on virtualization technologies
 - VMware
 - Xen
 - UML (User Mode Linux)
 - ...

Virtual Honeypots (2/3)



▶ Pros

- ▶ Reduced cost
- ▶ Easy to maintain / repair
- ▶ Portable (honeynet laptop?)

▶ Cons

- ▶ Single point of failure
- ▶ Not everything is possible (Cisco on Intel?)
- ▶ Security (strong compartmentalization?)
- ▶ Detection? Very difficult to hide...

Virtual Honeypots (3/3)



- ▶ **More information at**
 - ▶ <http://www.honeynet.org/papers/virtual/index.html>

- ▶ **New tools available for virtual honeypots 😊**
 - ▶ See “Xebek” at “EuSecWest/Core06”
 - ▶ See “VMware fingerprinting counter measures”
 - <http://honeynet.rstack.org/tools.php>

- ▶ **New tools against “virtual honeypot” 😞**
 - ▶ VMware fingerprinting tools (cf Kostya’s patches)
 - ▶ And many more (dtdumper...)

Automated Malware Collection



- ▶ **Automated malware collection is a new hyped technique**
- ▶ **Most well-known tools are**
 - ▶ Mwcollect
 - ▶ Nepenthes
 - ▶ Mwcollect and Nepenthes fusion (February, 2006)
- ▶ **Lots of other techniques are possible**
 - ▶ PCAP capture of compromised hosts for example

Nepenthes Operation



- ▶ **Nepenthes is a medium interaction honeypot**
 - ▶ It emulates known vulnerabilities
 - ▶ It catches known shellcodes
 - ▶ It interprets the shellcode actions
 - ▶ It emulates the actions
 - Bind a shell, parses URLs...

- ▶ **Should not be compromised if no security vulnerabilities (coded in C++) ;-)**

- ▶ **But can be easily detected, that's not its purpose!**

Nepenthes Loading



▶ Loading of the configuration

- ▶ Examine the modules to be charged (vuln, shellcodes, download, submit, log)
- ▶ Record the handlers of download for each supported protocol of download (csend, creseive, ftp, HTTP, link, blink, tftp, CCP, optix)
- ▶ record the manager of DNS
- ▶ Record FileSubmit
- ▶ Sockets are binded on all the ports where the known vulnerabilities (in the form of DialogueFactory) are emulated
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- ▶ Loading of patterns present in 61 known shellcodes
- ▶ Be unaware of 17 ranges of IP addresses



– **Watch ports** ("25", // SMTP, "110", // POP3, "143", // IMAP, "220", // IMAP, "465" // POP3 & SSL, "993", //
IMAP & SSL, "995" // POP3 & SSL)

- **Bagle** port 2745
- **Dameware** port 6129
- **Dcom-vuln** ports 135,445,1025
- **Vuln-ftp** port 21
- **vulnIIS** port 443
- **Kuang2** port 17300
- **LSASS** port 445
- **MSMQ** ports: 2103,2105,2107
- **MSDTC** ports 1025,3372
- **Mssql** port 1434
- **Mydoom** port 3127
- **Netbiosname** port 139
- **NetDDE** port 139
- **Optixshell** port 3140
- **PNP** port 445
- **SasserFTPD** ports 5554,1023
- **SUB7** port 27347
- **UPNP** port 5000
- **VERITAS** port 10000
- **Wins vuln** port 42
- **ASN1** ports: smb:445 iis:80

- **Ignoring 0.0.0.0/255.0.0.0**
- **10.0.0.0/255.0.0.0**
- **14.0.0.0/255.0.0.0**
- **39.0.0.0/255.0.0.0**
- **127.0.0.0/255.0.0.0**
- **128.0.0.0/255.255.0.0**
- **169.254.0.0/255.255.0.0**
- **172.16.0.0/255.240.0.0**
- **191.255.0.0/255.255.0.0**
- **192.0.0.0/255.255.255.0**
- **192.0.2.0/255.255.255.0**
- **192.88.99.0/255.255.255.0**
- **192.168.0.0/255.255.0.0**
- **198.18.0.0/255.254.0.0**
- **223.255.255.0/255.255.255.0**
- **224.0.0.0/240.0.0.0**
- **240.0.0.0/240.0.0.0**

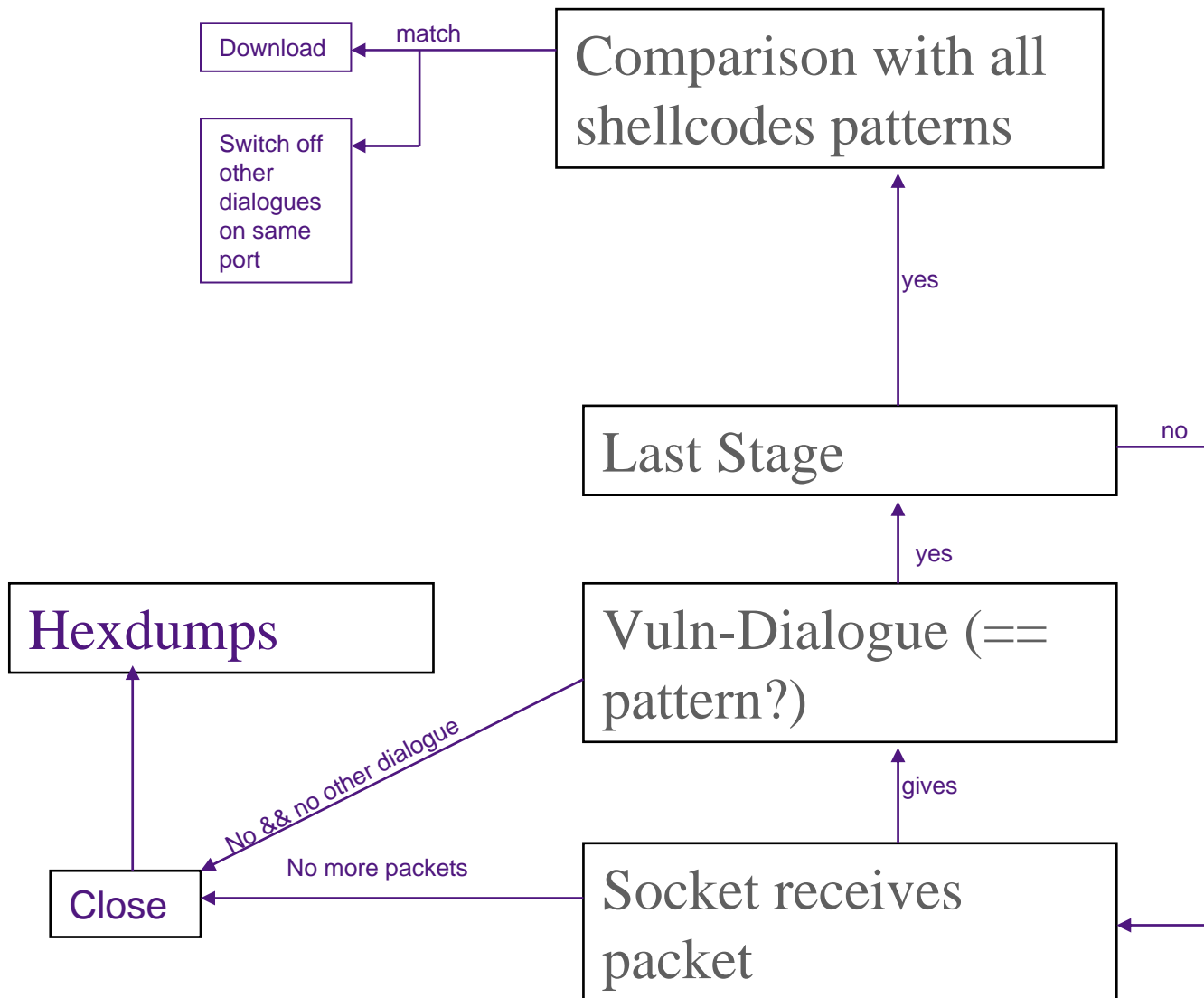
Handling Attacks (1/4)



```
[04052006 14:25:15 debug net mgr] Socket TCP (bind) 0.0.0.0:0 -> 0.0.0.0:139  
DialogueFactory NetbiosName Factory creates netbiosname dialogues  
DialogueFactory NETDDE Factory creates netdde dialogues could Accept a Connection
```

- ▶ **Attempt at connection - > Creation of a « Dialogue »**
 - ▶ Emulation of a vulnerability
- ▶ **Data transmitted per packets to the Dialogues**

Handling Attacks (2/4)



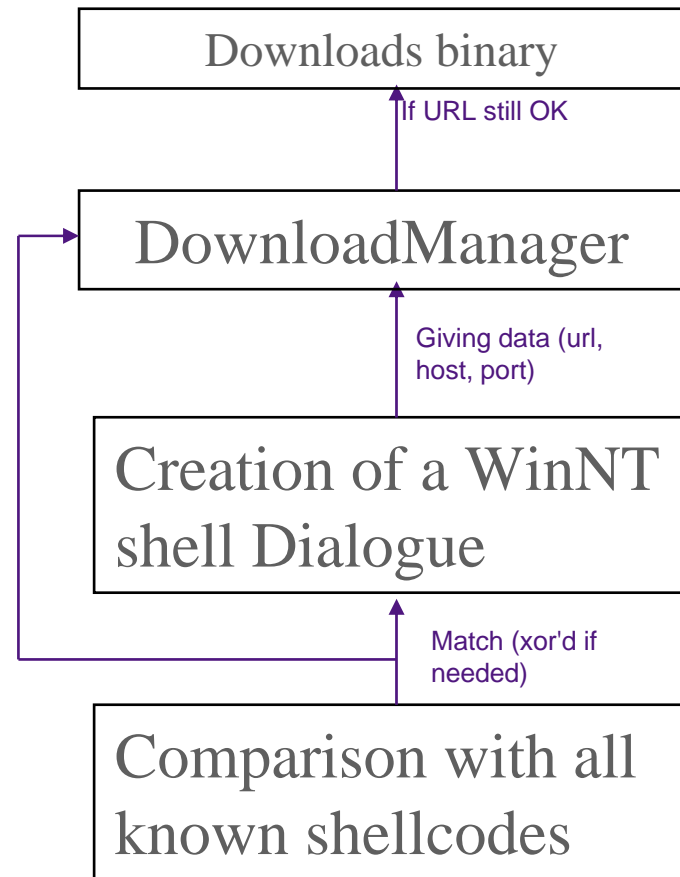
If socket closes

Handling Attacks (3/4)



- ▶ **Some vulns have no pattern used for a first recognition**
 - ▶ Direct recognition against shellcode or direct action (Kuang2)
- ▶ **When a vuln Dialogue receives a SCH_DONE Message from a shellcode identifier**
 - ▶ It gives to the corresponding socket the state `CL_ASSIGN_AND_DONE`
 - In order the other sockets binded on the same port be dropped

Handling Attacks (4/4)



Collection



- ▶ **Files can be submitted to**
 - ▶ Nepenthes manager to collect
 - ▶ Gotek server performs better but requires DB backend (mysql)
 - ▶ Norman sandbox for analysis

- ▶ **Logs can be submitted to**
 - ▶ Managers (Prelude) thanks to IDMEF
 - ▶ Surfnet for web interfacing
 - ▶ IRC

Nepenthes Conclusions



- ▶ **Nepenthes is modular, organized around a core**
- ▶ **Nepenthes is able to catch new shellcodes on known vulnerabilities**
 - ▶ Stored in hexdumps
- ▶ **Nepenthes is able to catch binaries whose shellcode is known**
 - ▶ Stored in binaries
- ▶ **Statistics are possible by analysing submitted logs**

Honeypot and worms



- ▶ Idea: as seen before, use a honeypot to detect worm (ie. System that connect to honeypot automatically)

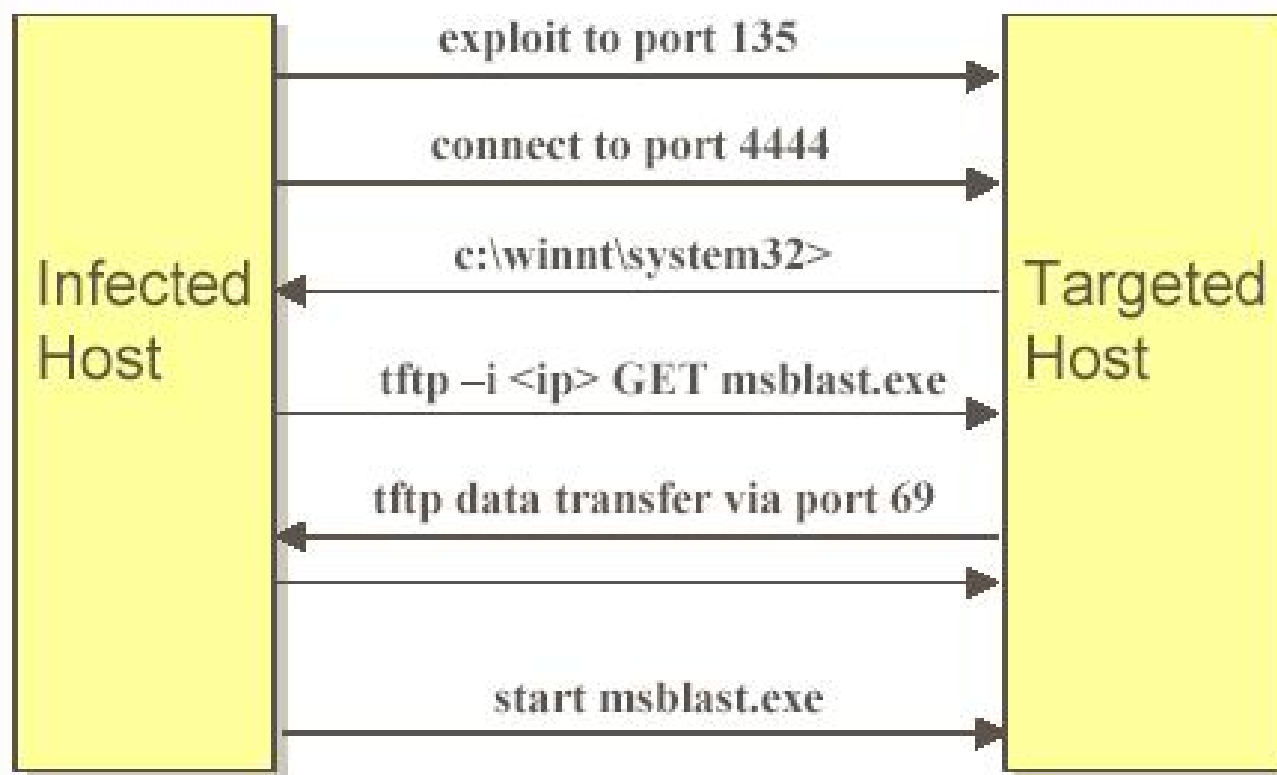
- ▶ Fighting back: launch some counter attack, in order to clean the offending system

- ▶ More information
 - ▶ <http://www.citi.umich.edu/u/provos/honeyd/msblast.html>
 - ▶ <http://www.rstack.org/oudot/>

In detail: Mblast infection



Analysis of mblast.exe



Using honeypot to fight worm



- 1.** The worm connects to the honeypot, on port 135, and launch its exploit
- 2.** The worm connects on a remote shell (honeypot, port TCP/4444). Then, the honeypot is able to download the worm code (using TFTP)
- 3.** The honeypot know the IP address of the infected host. It is able to launch an attack (or simply connect back to port 4444) and clean or shutdown offending host

Honeytokens



▶ **honeypot which is not a computer**

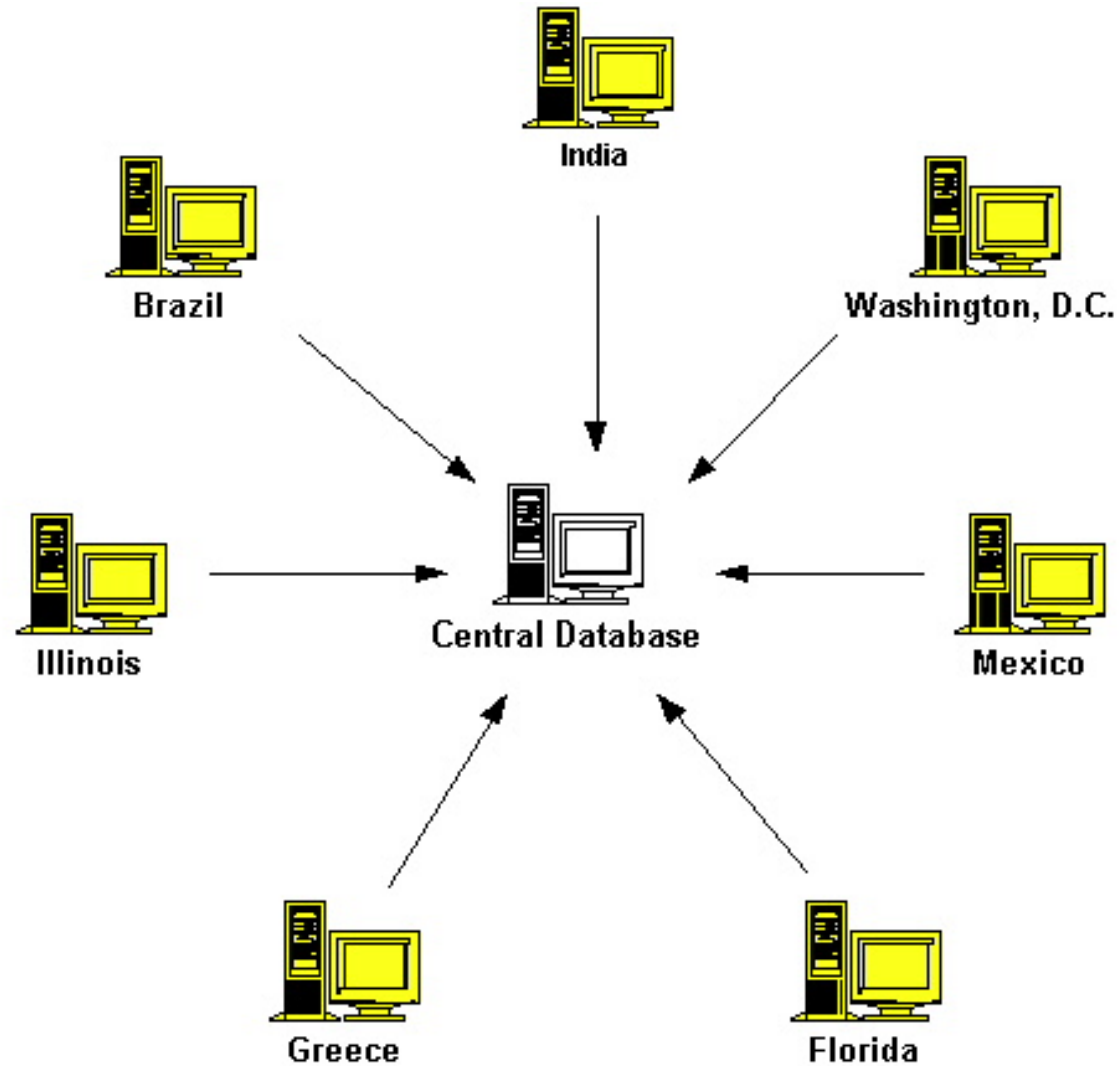
▶ **Used for**

- ▶ Espionage
- ▶ Credit card, ssn monitoring
- ▶ bank
- ▶ Spam...

▶ **Two main usages**

- ▶ Detect information leaking
- ▶ Tracking

Distributed Honeypot



Example : Leurre.com



- ▶ **Project by Eurecom institute**
 - ▶ **The Eurecom Honeypot Project**
 - <http://www.eurecom.fr/~pouget/projects.htm>
 - <http://www.leurrecom.org>

- ▶ **Distributed HP (more than 25 countries, 5 continents)**

- ▶ **Project launched 4 years ago**

- ▶ **Based on “distributed” *honeyd***

Information from *leurre.com*

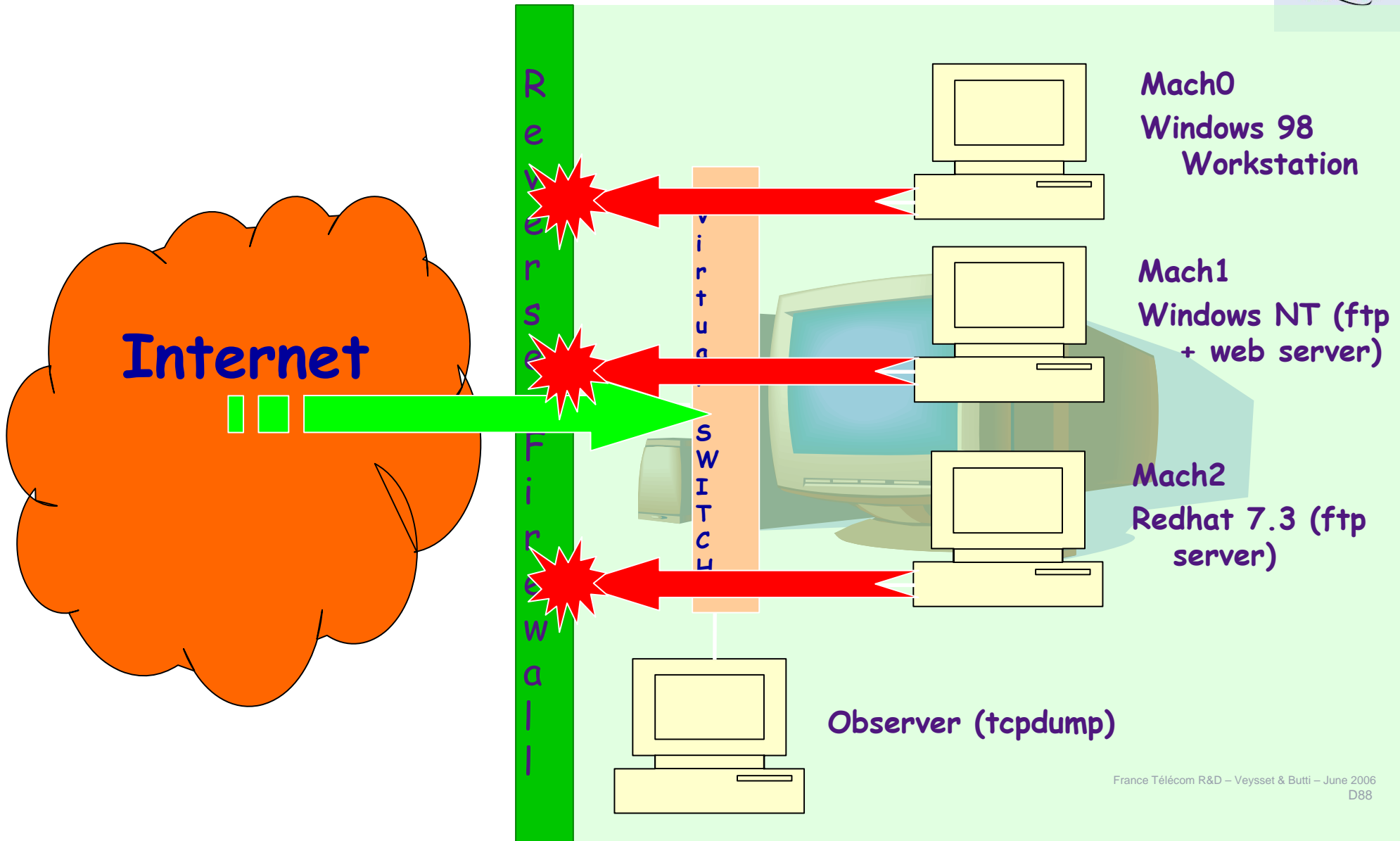


- ▶ Thanks to Marc Dacier from Eurecom institute
- ▶ More information: dacier@eurecom.fr ...
- ▶ See Fabien Pouget & Marc Dacier – Friday 3pm
- ▶ Extract from a presentation « Applied Computing 2006 »
in spain

35 platforms, 25 countries, 5 continents



Experimental Set Up



Big Picture



▶ Distinct IP Addresses observed: 989,712

▶ # of received packets: 41,937,600

▶ # of emitted packets: 39,911,933

▶ TCP: 90.93%

▶ UDP: 0.77%

▶ ICMP: 5,16 %

▶ Others: (malformed packets, etc) 3.14%

Observation 3



- ▶ All countries host attackers but some countries host more than others.

Attacks by country of origin

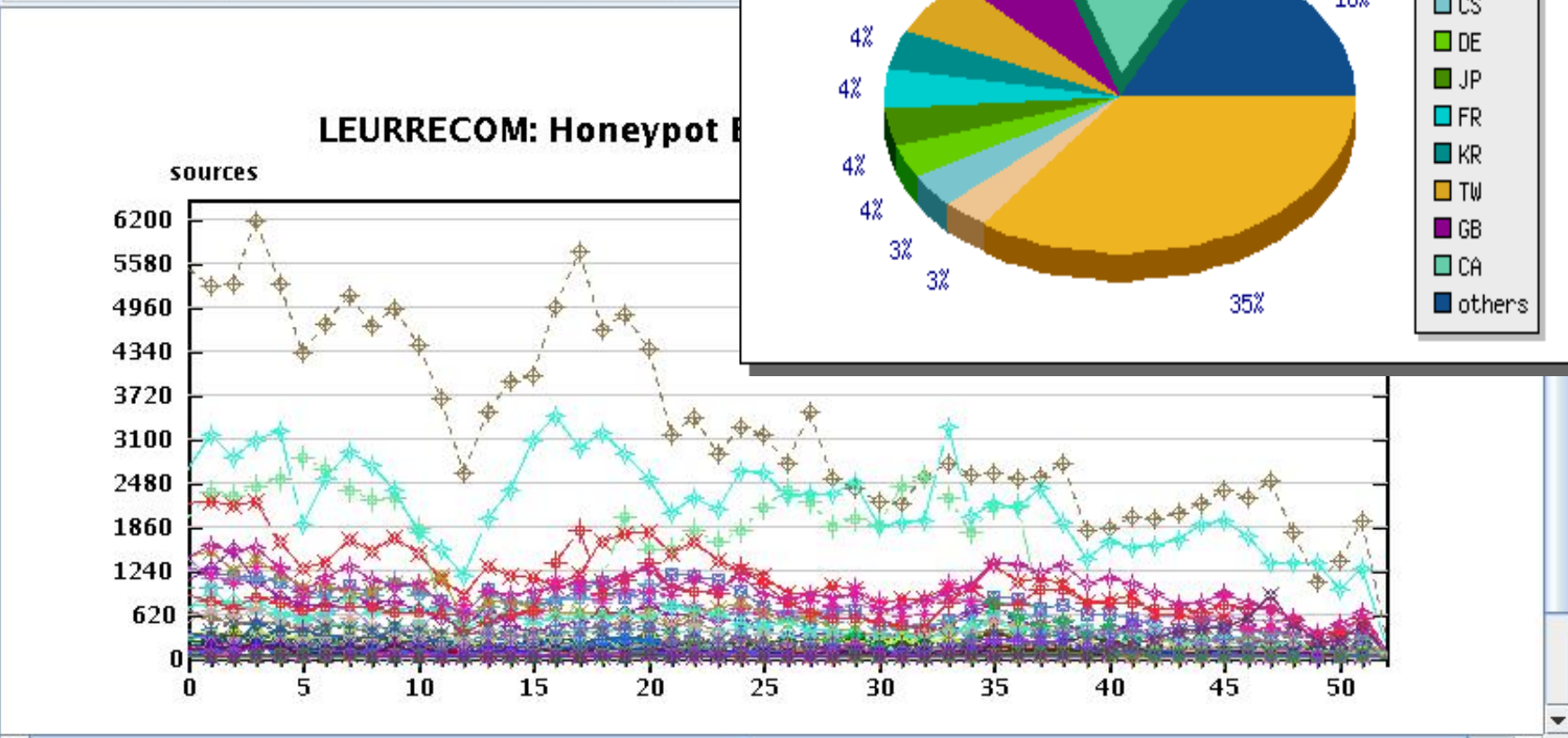
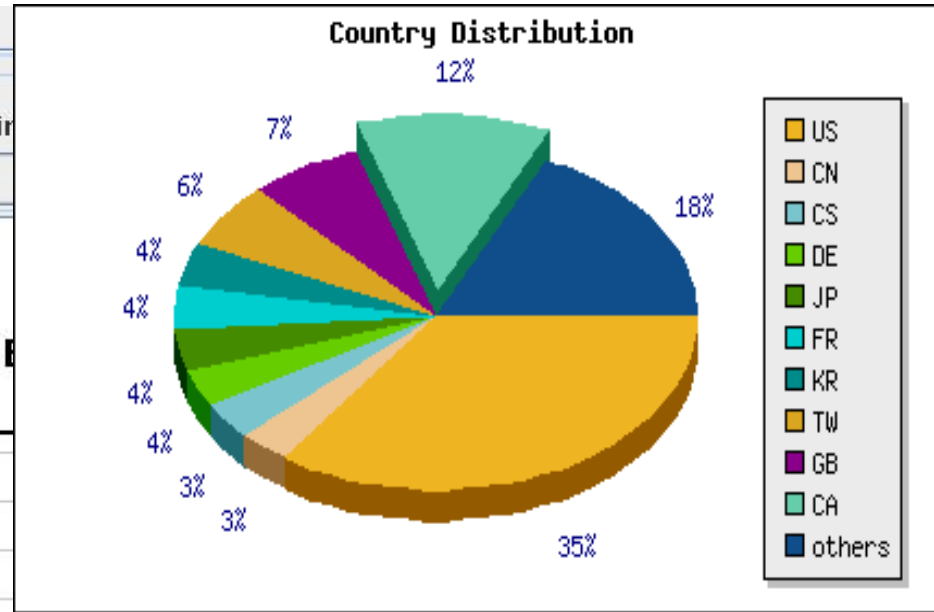
(Jan 1 2005 until Jan 1 2006)

- Country
- US
 - CS
 - TW
 - DE
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 - IT
 - JP
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Observation 4

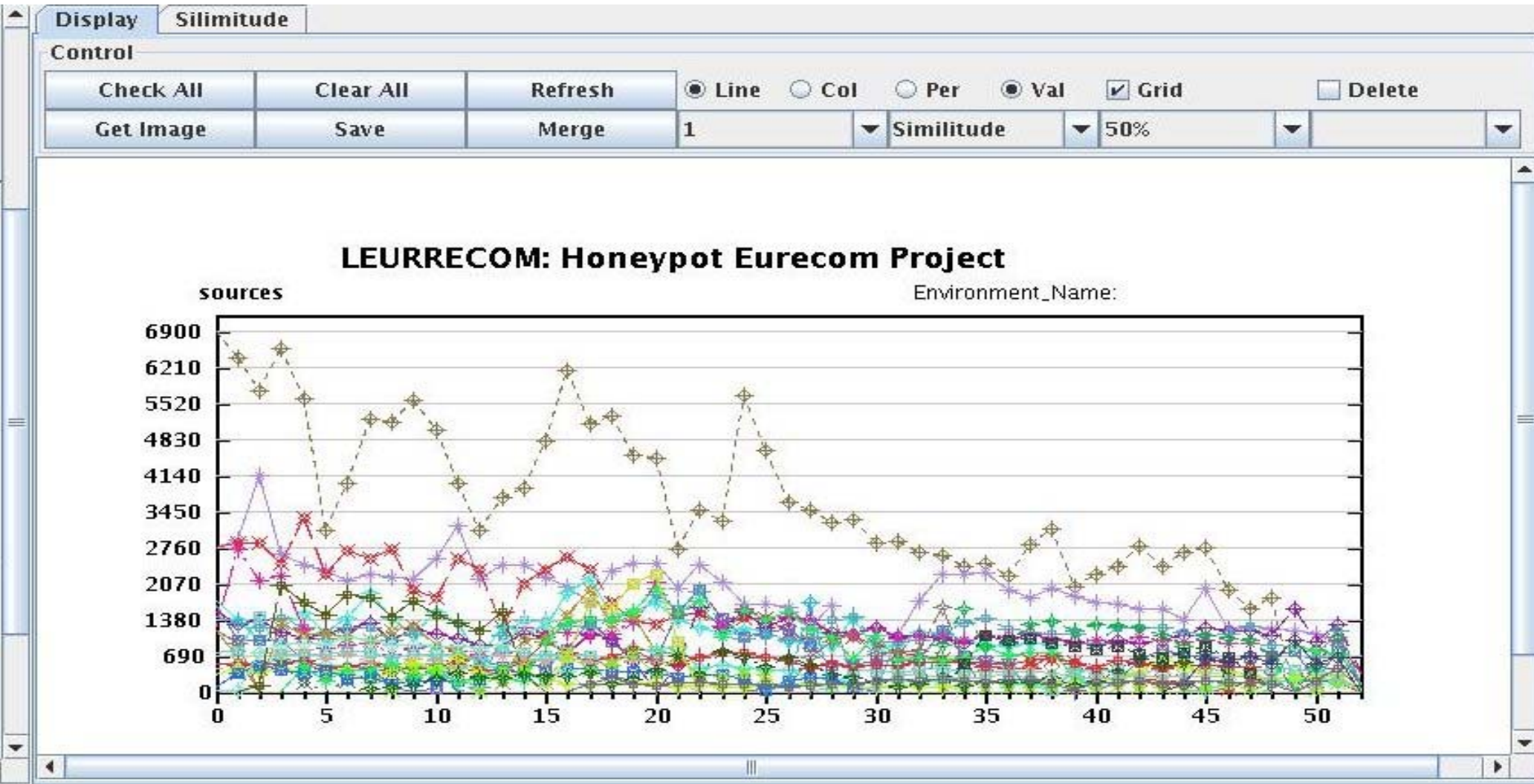


- ▶ There is a surprising steady **decrease** of the number of attacks



Attacks by environment

(Jan 1 2005 until Jan 1 2006)



Observation 6

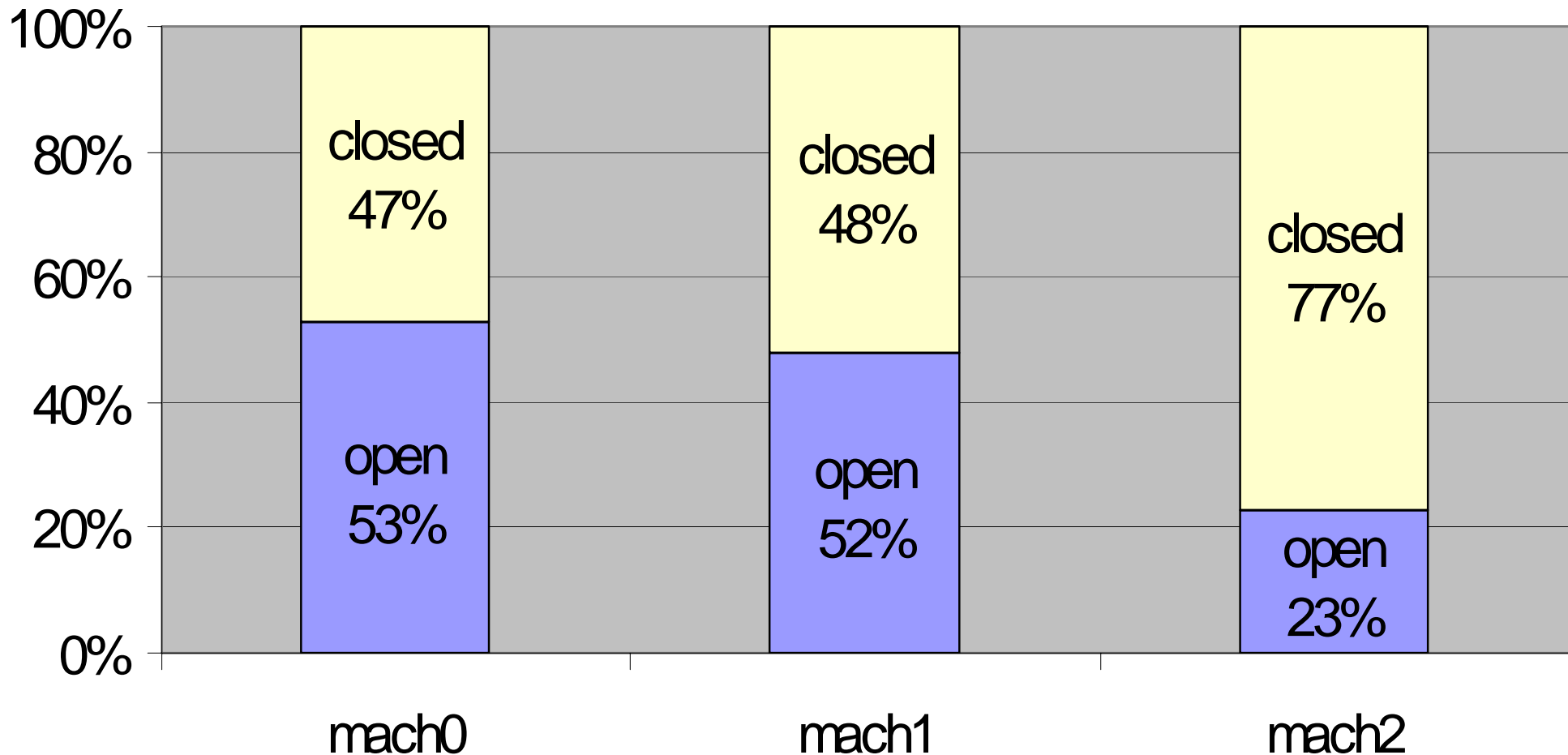


- ▶ **Some compromised machines are used to scan the whole Internet**
- ▶ **Some compromised machines take advantage of the data collected by the first group to launch attacks only against the vulnerable targets.**
 - maintaining black lists of scanners is useless.

The «scanners »:

IP sources probing all 3 virtual machines

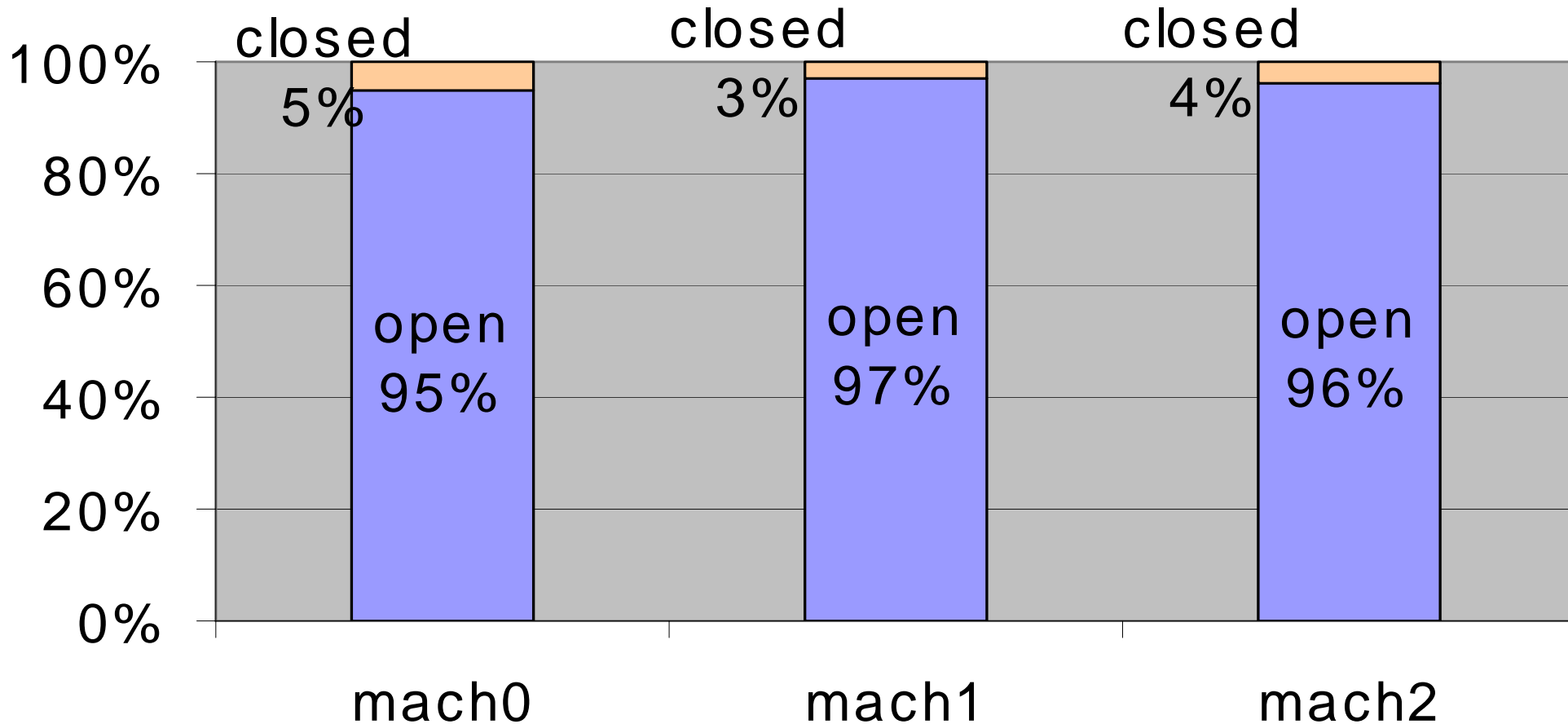
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The «attackers »:

IP sources probing only 1 virtual machine

(24 months ago)



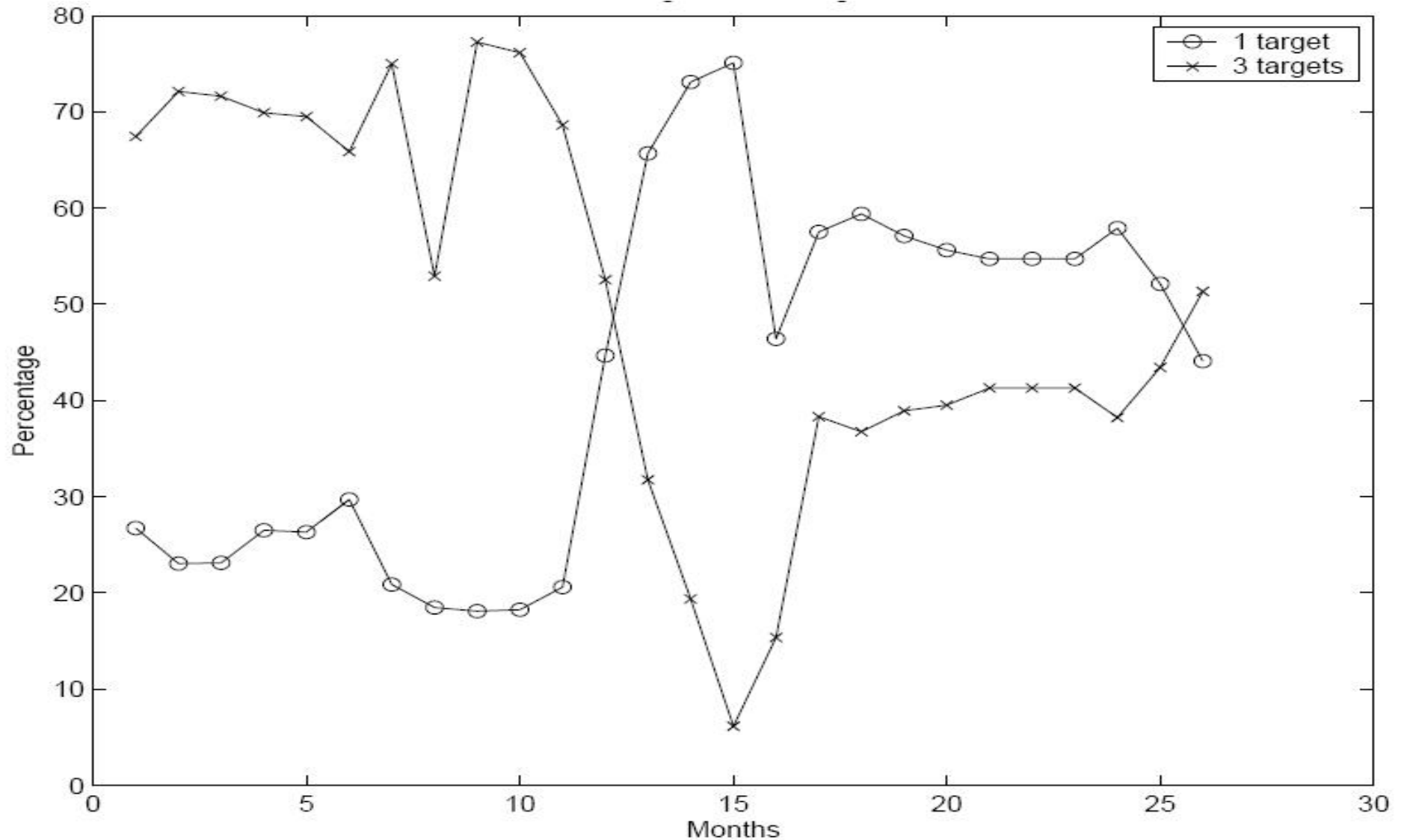
Observation 7



- ▶ **The proportion of attackers vs. scanners has changed twice over the last 24 months.**
- ▶ **Two possible explanations:**
 - Collected data is shared in a more efficient way and, thus, less scans are required.
 - Scans are not done sequentially any more but random scans are instead preferred.



Scanners vs. attackers: evolution



Honeyclient



▶ Idea: Honeypot client

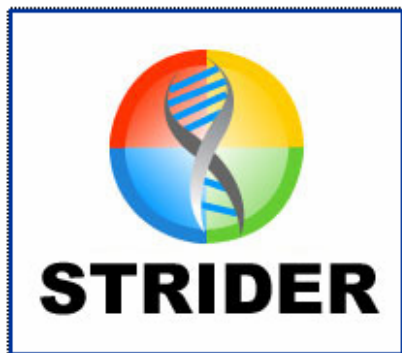
- ▶ Detect malicious web server, IRC net, P2P net...
- ▶ Surf the web searching for websites that use browser exploits to install malware on the honeymonkey computer

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NEW: ["Strider URL Tracer with Typo-Patrol" research prototype available for download](#)

Strider HoneyMonkey Exploit Detection

- ◆ Strider HoneyMonkey is a Microsoft Research project to detect and analyze Web sites hosting malicious code. The intent is to help stop attacks that use Web servers to exploit unpatched browser vulnerabilities and install malware on the PCs of unsuspecting users. Such attacks have become one of the most vexing issues confronting Internet security experts. Strider HoneyMonkey is a project of the Cybersecurity and Systems Management group in Microsoft Research.
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 - ◇ [Full research technical report on Strider HoneyMonkey](#)
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 - ◇ Strider HoneyMonkeys: Active Client-Side Honeypots for Finding Web Sites That Exploit Browser Vulnerabilities, [Usenix](#)

Honeynet project



▶ Very active organization

▶ <http://www.honeynet.org/speaking/index.html>

▶ Presentation of the Honeynet project extracted from

▶ <http://www.honeynet.org/speaking/index.html>

Honeynet: Problem



How can we defend against an enemy, when we don't even know who the enemy is?

Honeynet: Mission Statement



To learn the tools, tactics, and motives involved in computer and network attacks, and share the lessons learned.

Honeynet: Our Goal



Improve security of Internet at no cost to the public.

- › Awareness: Raise awareness of the threats that exist.
- › Information: For those already aware, we teach and inform about the threats.
- › Research: We give organizations the capabilities to learn more on their own.

Honeynet: Honeynet Project



- ▶ **Non-profit (501c3) organization with Board of Directors.**
- ▶ **Funded by sponsors**
- ▶ **Global set of diverse skills and experiences.**
- ▶ **Open Source, share all of our research and findings at no cost to the public.**
- ▶ **Deploy networks around the world to be hacked.**
- ▶ **Everything we capture is happening in the wild.**
- ▶ **We have nothing to sell.**

Honeynet: Honeynet Research Alliance



Starting in 2002, the Alliance is a forum of organizations around the world actively researching, sharing and deploying honeypot technologies.

<http://www.honeynet.org/alliance/>

Honeynet: Alliance Members



- ▶ South Florida Honeynet Project
- ▶ Georgia Technical Institute
- ▶ Azusa Pacific University
- ▶ USMA Honeynet Project
- ▶ Pakistan Honeynet Project
- ▶ Paladion Networks Honeynet Project (India)
- ▶ Internet Systematics Lab Honeynet Project (Greece)
- ▶ Honeynet.BR (Brazil)
- ▶ UK Honeynet
- ▶ French Honeynet Project
- ▶ Italian Honeynet Project
- ▶ Portugal Honeynet Project
- ▶ German Honeynet Project
- ▶ Spanish Honeynet Project
- ▶ Singapore Honeynet Project
- ▶ China Honeynet Project

- ▶ As it (September 05)

A few word on legal aspects (1/2)



▶ I am not a lawyer...

- ▶ ...but here are some information (apply to France)

▶ There should be no problem using honeypot

▶ But you should keep in mind...

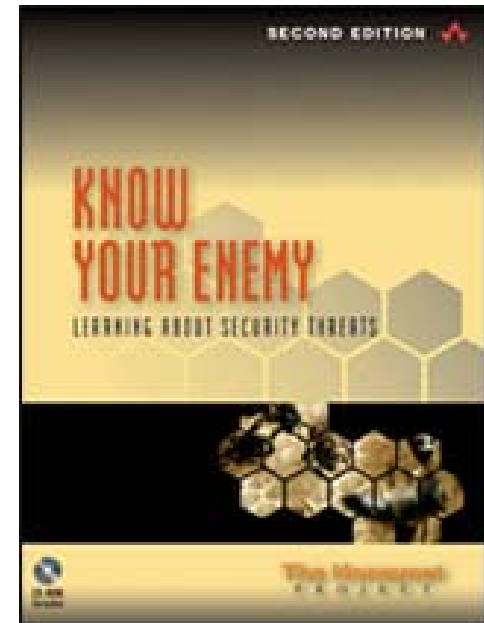
- ▶ Provocation au crimes et délits (art 23L 29/7/1881) (eg Entrapment)
- ▶ Violation de la correspondance privée du pirate (art 226-15, 226-1 Code Pénal)
- ▶ Another problem: compromised honeypot that launch an attack against (you, other networks, competitor networks...)

A few word on legal aspects (2/2)



▶ More information available in...
(chapter 8: legal issues...)

▶ <http://www.honeynet.org/book/Chp8.pdf>



Conclusions



- ▶ **Very attractive domain**
- ▶ **Still many things to do... a very interesting research area**
- ▶ **A new tool to fight back against black hat**

Further info



- ▶ **honeynet project web site**
 - ▶ <http://www.honeynet.org/>
- ▶ **Honeyd (Niels Provos)**
 - ▶ <http://www.honeyd.org>
- ▶ **References on honeypot**
 - ▶ <http://www.honeypots.net/>
- ▶ **Leurre.com**
 - ▶ <http://www.eurecom.fr/~pouget/projects.htm>
- ▶ **Honeyblog**
 - ▶ <http://www.honeyblog.org/>

Special greetings...



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