

How to protect from DoS in internet enviroment?

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Detect and limit DoS Attacks

A Collection of procedures to prevent DoS attacks:

- ▣ **Monitor for attacks**
- ▣ **Limit the rate to or from one host**
- ▣ **Limit ICMP floods**
- ▣ **Limit concurrent flows of one type**
- ▣ **Detect pseudo-address attacks**
- ▣ **Detect portscan attacks**
- ▣ **Disrupt virus attacks**

Monitor for Attacks

The following techniques are different ways to check whether a denial-of-service attack has occurred:

- ▣ **Monitor Class Hits**

- ☞ Class hits let you know the number of times flows match a class. By monitoring class hits regularly, you'll know what constitutes a normal number of hits in a class and an abnormally high number of hits will be apparent.

Spot a huge increase on an ignored traffic class.

Monitor for Attacks

- ▣ **Monitor TCP connections**

- ⌘ Track the number of new TCP connections and which the server never responded



Establish baselines for TCP connections in a normal, non-attack setting.

Use automatic warning abnormal situations

Monitor for Attacks

The following measures are more proactive ways to detect and limit DoS attacks:

- ▣ **Look for Unwelcome Hosts**

- ☞ Potential attacks is to look for abnormal hosts

- ▣ **Look Flood Attacks**

- ☞ It appears a large number of illegitimate connections, consuming bandwidth and overwhelming hosts

Decrease DoS attack impact

- ▣ **Limit the rate of new traffic to or from one host**
 - ⌘ Set limit on the number of flows per minute that can be initiated by any client or received by any server.
- ▣ **Limit the amount of ICMP and UDP traffic**
 - ⌘ Many DoS attacks use the ICMP or UDP protocol
 - ⌘ Normally ICMP traffic uses a only tiny portion of bandwidth

Decrease DoS attack impact

- ▣ **Detect Pseudo-Address Attacks**

- ☞ Monitor class hits to notify if anyone has tried to send traffic with an incorrectly trusted source.

- ▣ **Prevent spoofing and LAND attacks by filtering**

- ▣ **Detect Portscan Attacks**

- ☞ IDS would alert before DoS attacks occur and would isolate impact of attacks

- ▣ **Disrupt Virus Attacks**

- ☞ Restrict and track well-known virus traffic flows

How Company works at DoS?

- ▣ Identifies DoS traffic flow
 - ⌘ Resolve destination of DoS (IP, port, traffic type)
 - ⌘ Source addresses are usually spoofed
- ▣ Block DoS at firewall or router
- ▣ Isolate other critical systems
- ▣ Try to route other traffic flows different backup connection (E-mail)
- ▣ Call ISP and give detailed description of attack

How ISP works at DoS?

- Identifies traffic flow
- Blocks traffic at router by hop by hop
- If DoS attacks comes another AS
 - ⌘ Inform exchange place and other AS operator
 - ⌘ Revent customer IP addresses publicity to world