Security Engineering

Network security: integrating threat hunting, firewalls, intrusion detection, network logging and supporting services.

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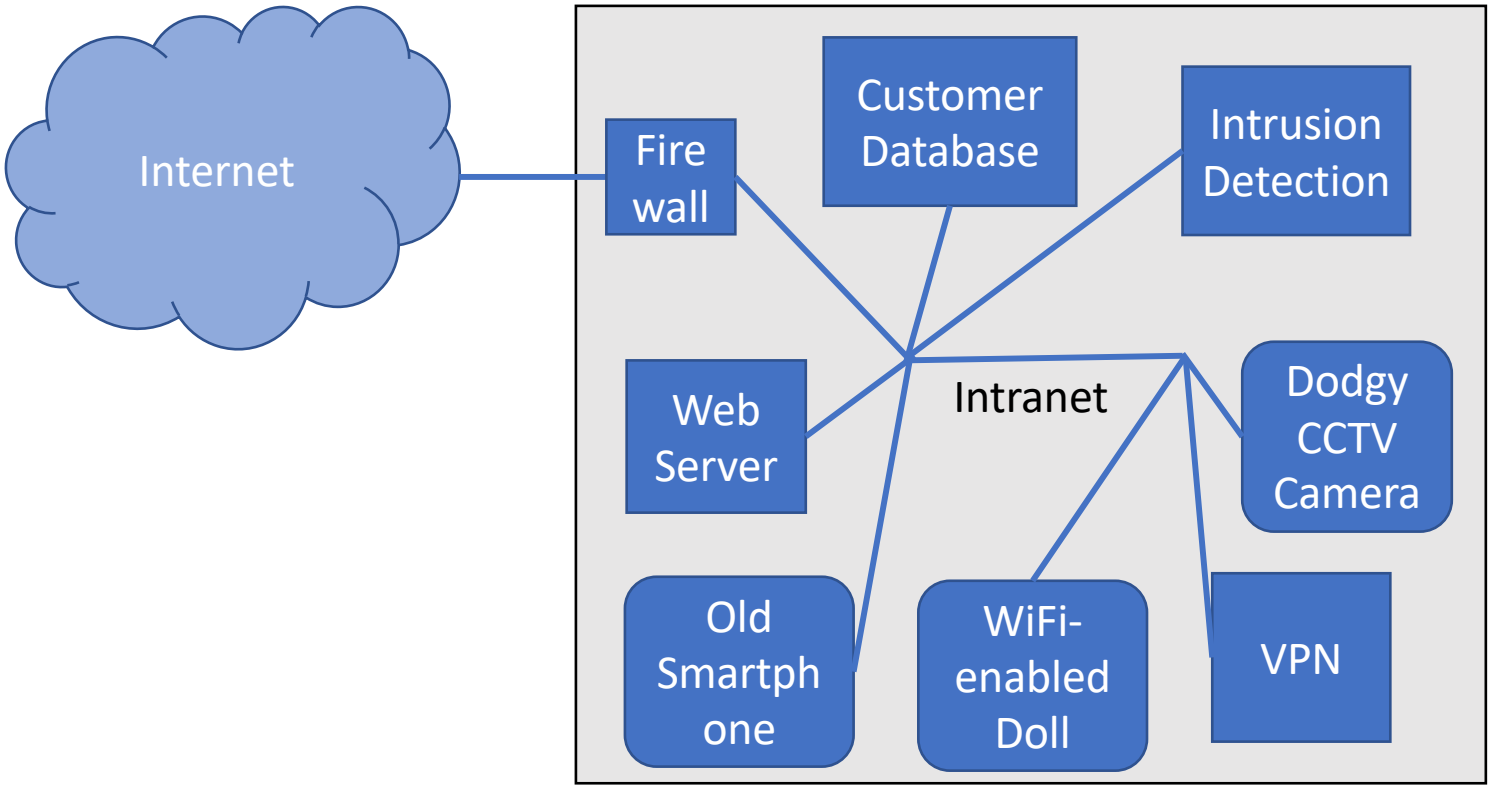

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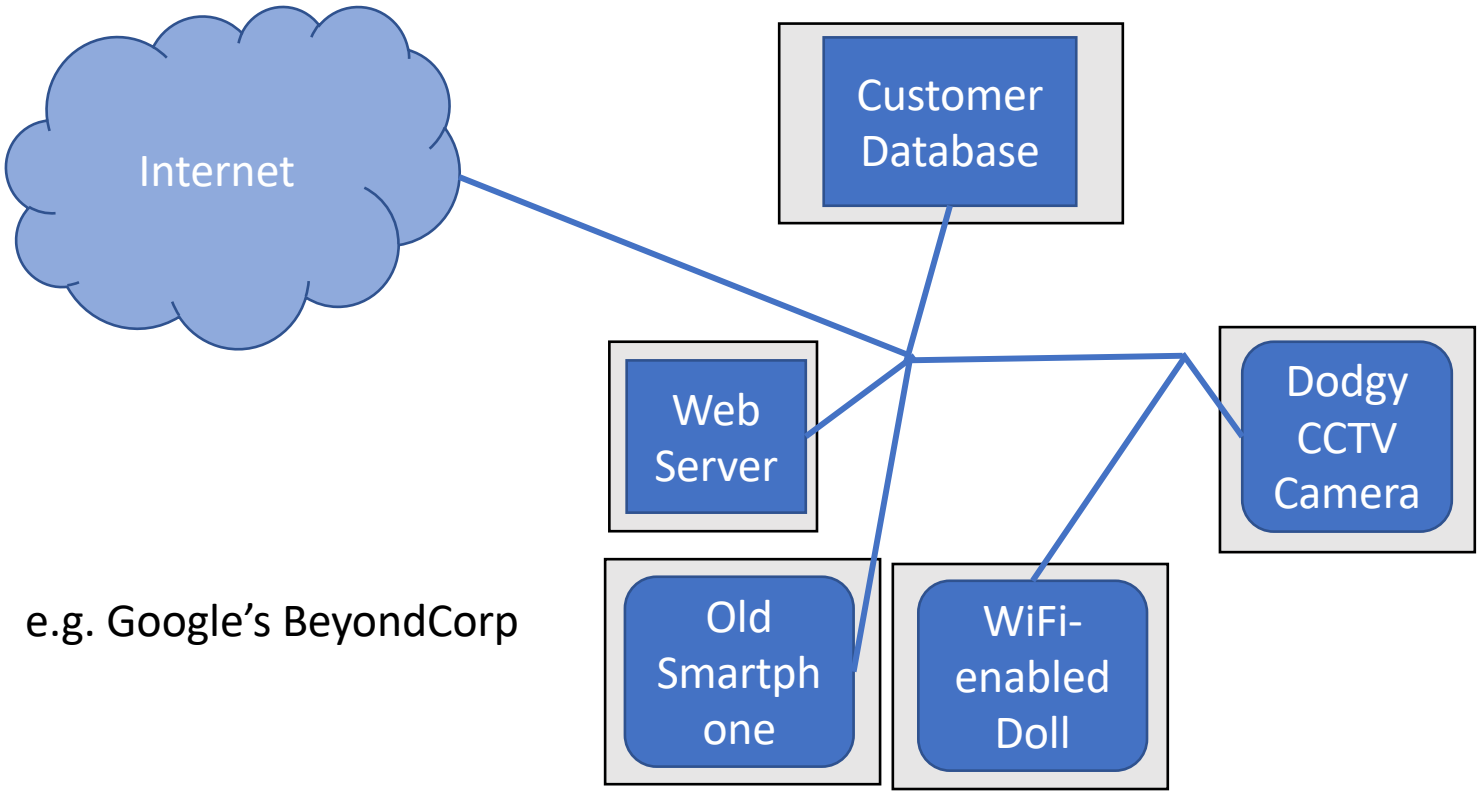

e.g. Google's BeyondCorp

BGP

- Used for networking between Autonomous Systems in the internet (e.g. ISPs, telcos, large organisations)
- No intrinsic security – so lots of examples of false routes
- 2008: YouTube taken down after Pakistan tried to censor it locally
- 2010 China Telecom: 100000 invalid routes for 18 minutes – 15% of addresses.
- Various instances of intelligence collection via MITM

BGP Attacks: countermeasures

- Accept a limited number of routes from each peer
- Internet Routing Registries: at least there's a log, but it's filled with known incorrect data.
- Cloudflare: BGP collectors
- Resource Public Key Infrastructure: "*Autonomous system X announces IP address range Y*" – but do public keys really make things more robust? And how do you get widespread deployment?
- HTTPS: at least somewhere along the line, you'll reach the destination or get DOS (but MITM attacks and attacks on public key infrastructure)

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A -> B: ACK; now Y+1
(start talking)

TCP

Denial of Service

- Amplifier attacks

“C” -> B: SYN; my number is X
B -> C: **ACK**; now X+1
SYN; my number is Y
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TCP Syn Reflection

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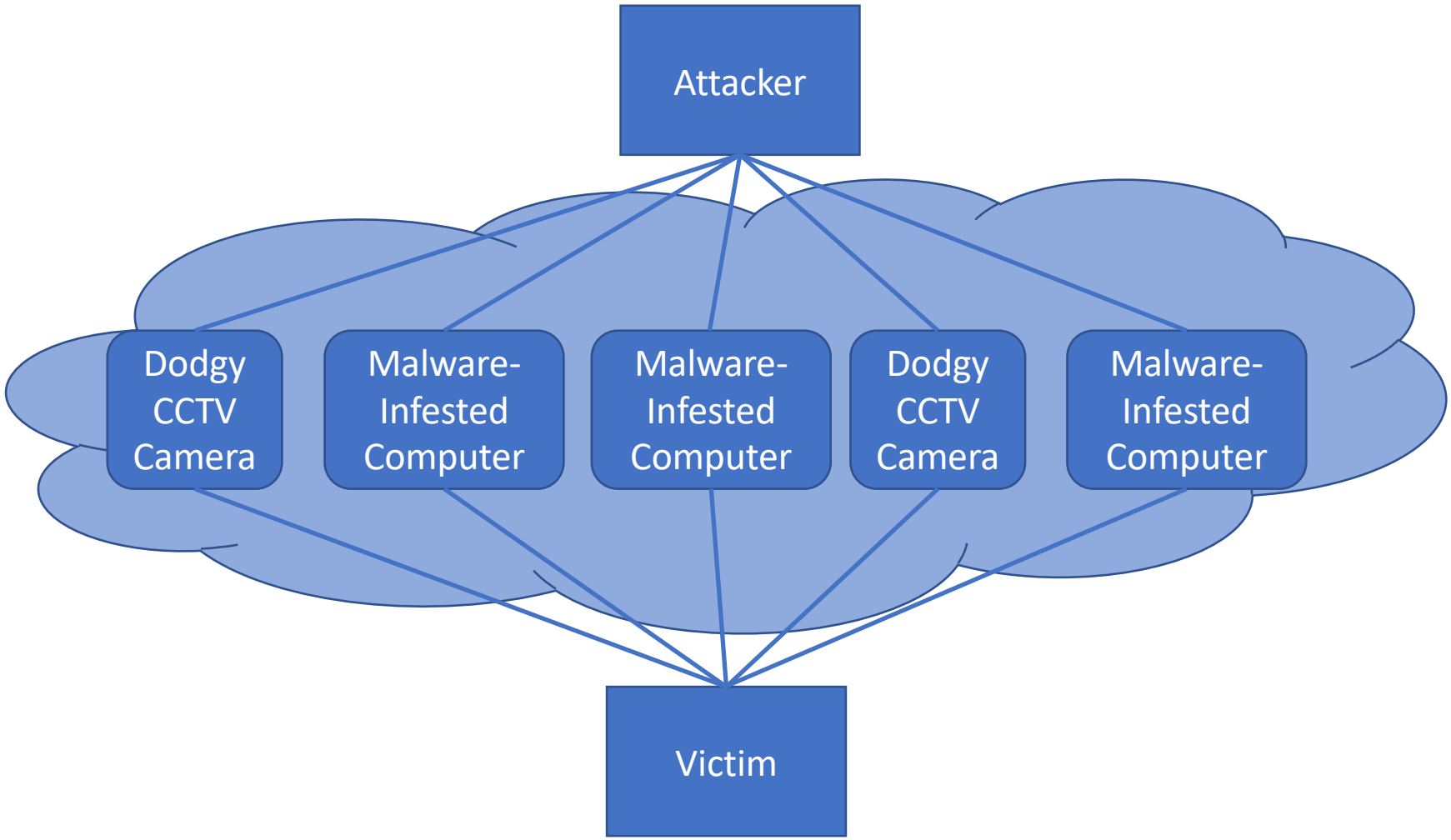

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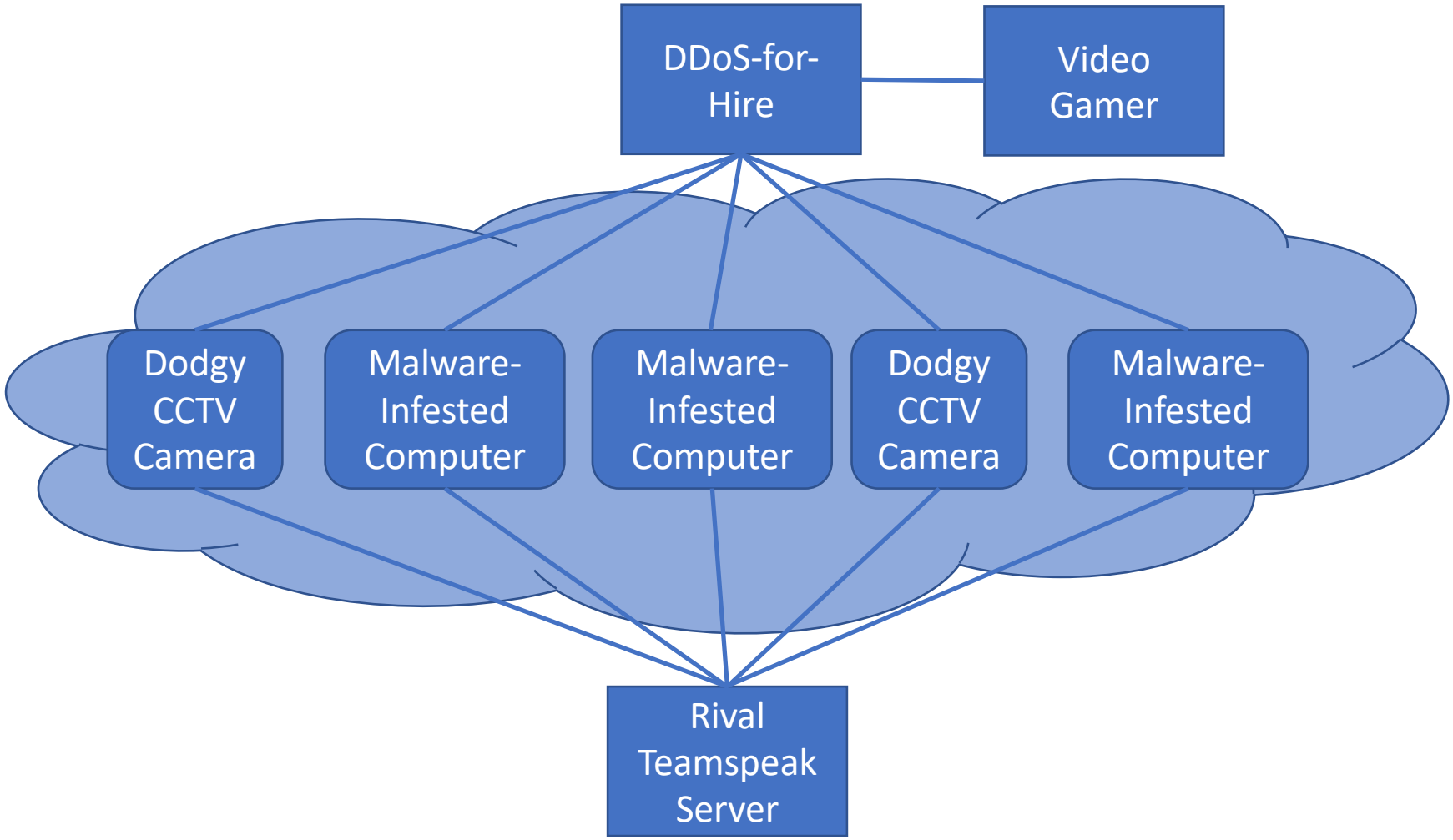
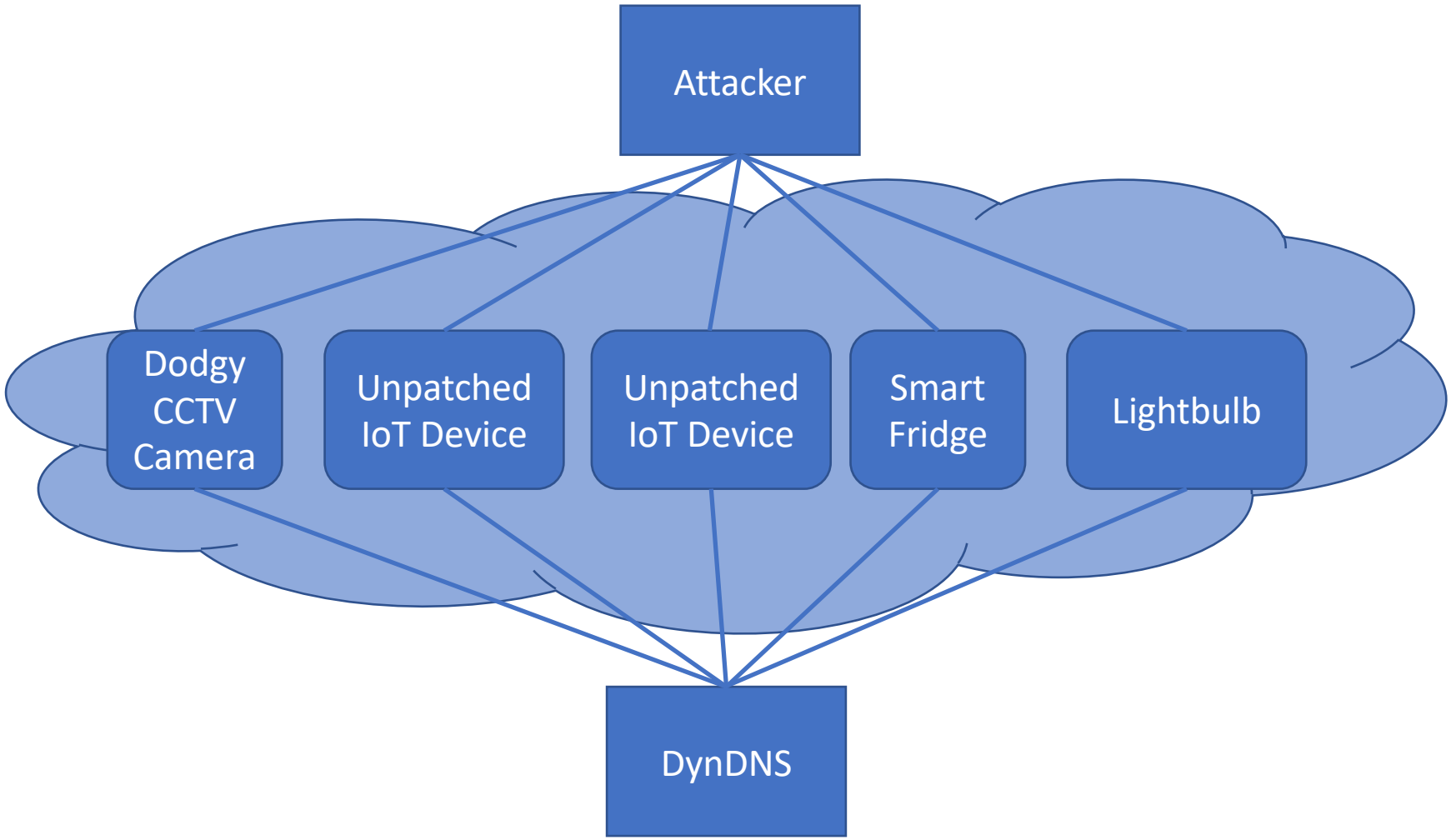


Mirai Botnet



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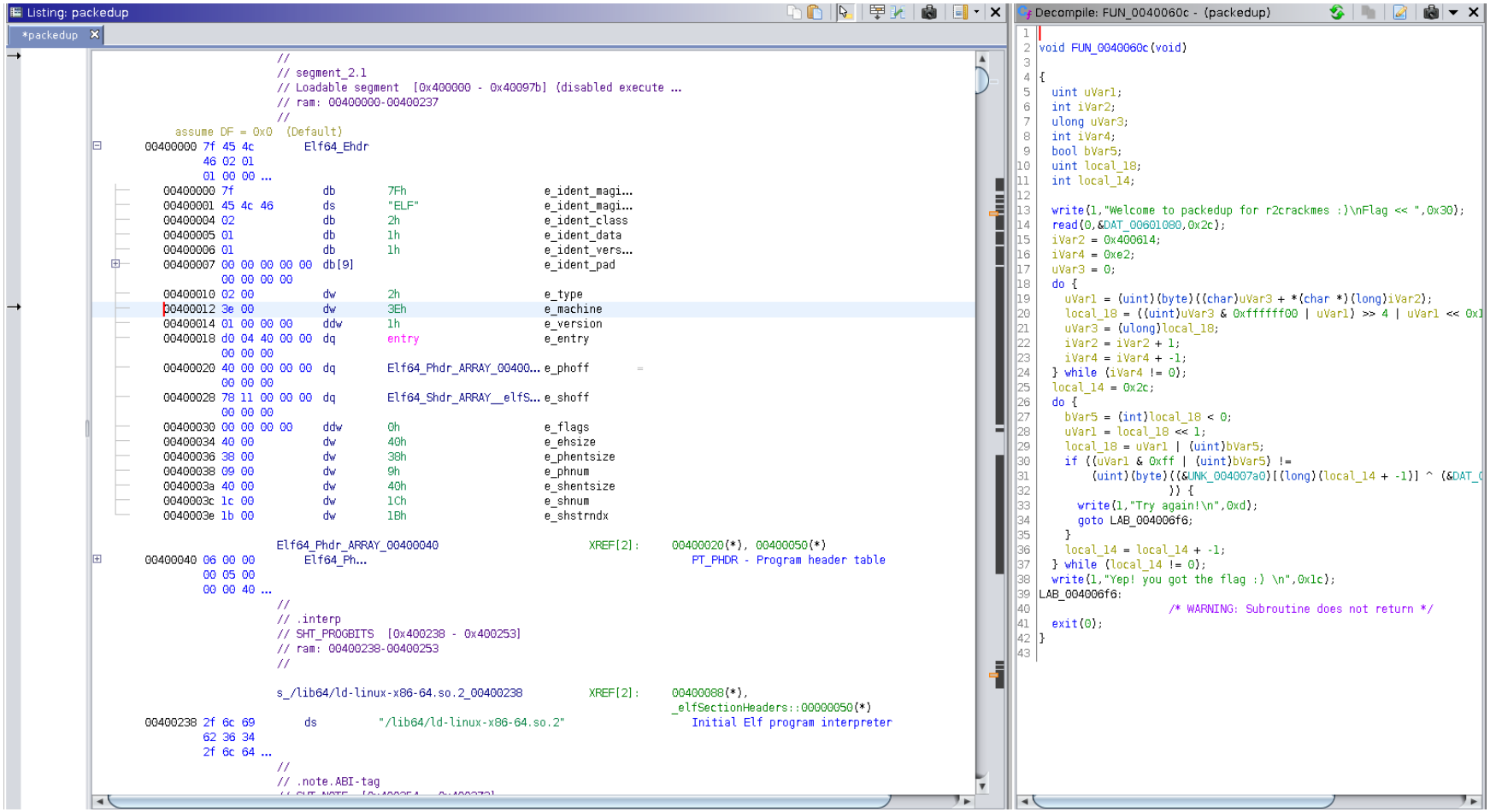
- Rootkits
- Potentially Unwanted Software
- Stalkerware?
- Antivirus Software Itself???

Malware Analysis



Screenshot of Ghidra, https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Ghidra-disassembly,March_2019.png

Malware and Incentives

- Why do all of these exist?
- Hobbyists, maybe
- Profit, e.g. Ransomware
- Surveillance (State Actors, or Jealous Partners?)
- Hacktivism
- Profit, more indirectly e.g. Botnets
- Hacking as a service?

Intrusion Detection and Mitigation

- Intranets of any reasonable size will get infected.
- What is the perimeter, really (VPN, BYOD)?
- Spearphishing: if YOUR sysadmin gets attacked, will you just “blame and train”?
- Adkins et al.: Make criminal adversaries’ attacks expensive (e.g. CAPTCHA) so they go after easier targets

Insider Risk -- Defences

- Least Privilege
- Zero Trust
- Multi-party Authorisation
- Business Justifications
- Auditing and Detection
- Recoverability

From *Building Secure & Reliable Systems: Best Practices for Designing, Implementing and Maintaining Systems*, Heather Adkins, Betsy Beyer, Paul Blankinship, Piotr Lewandowski, Ana Oprea & Adam Stubblefield

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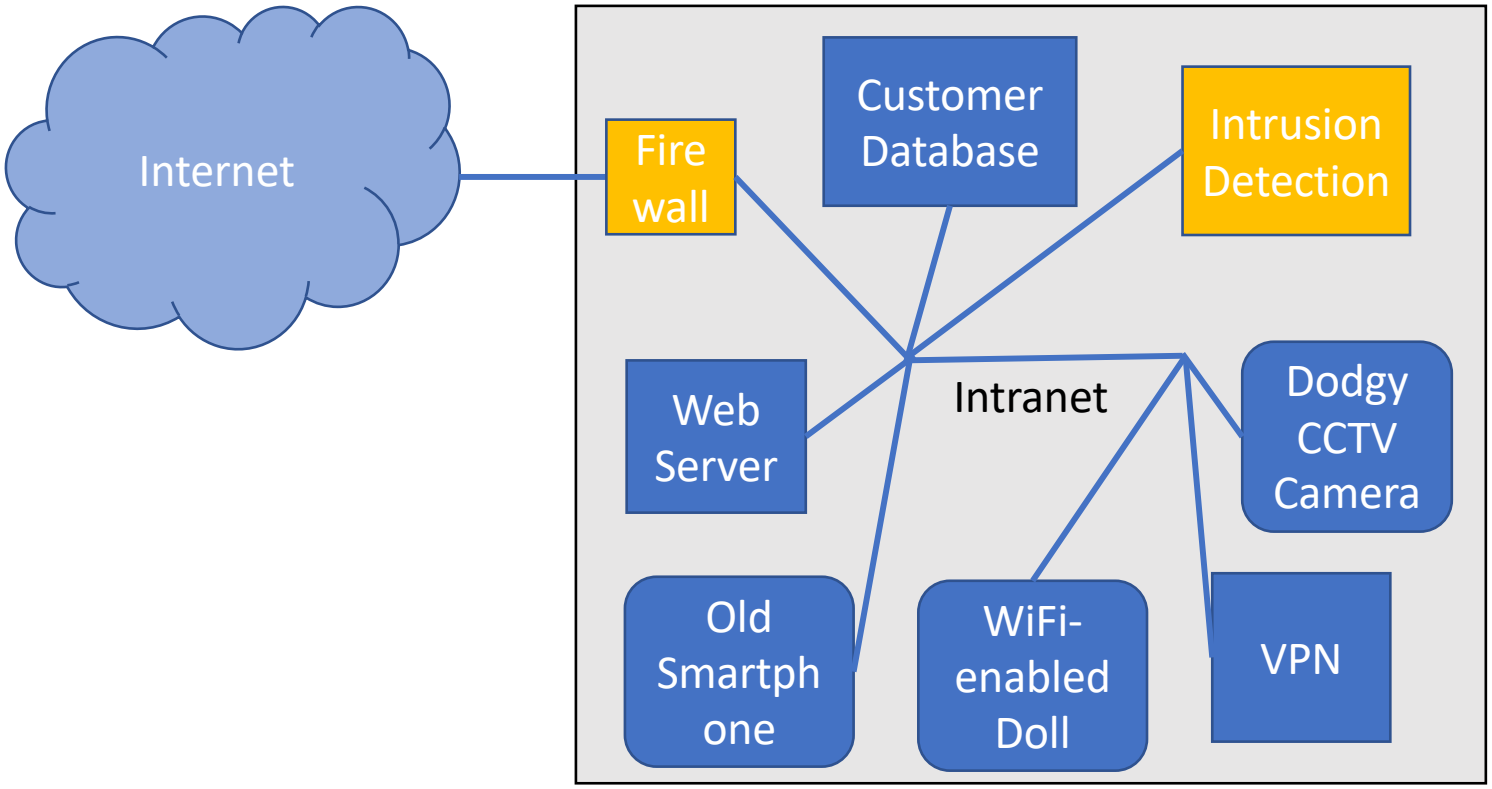
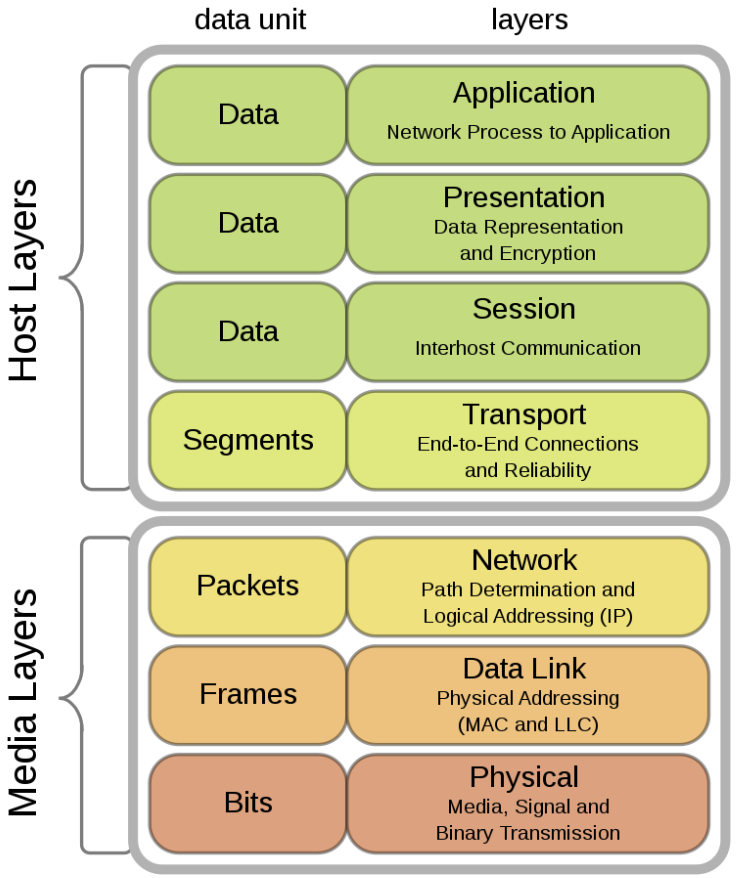


Filtering: Firewalls

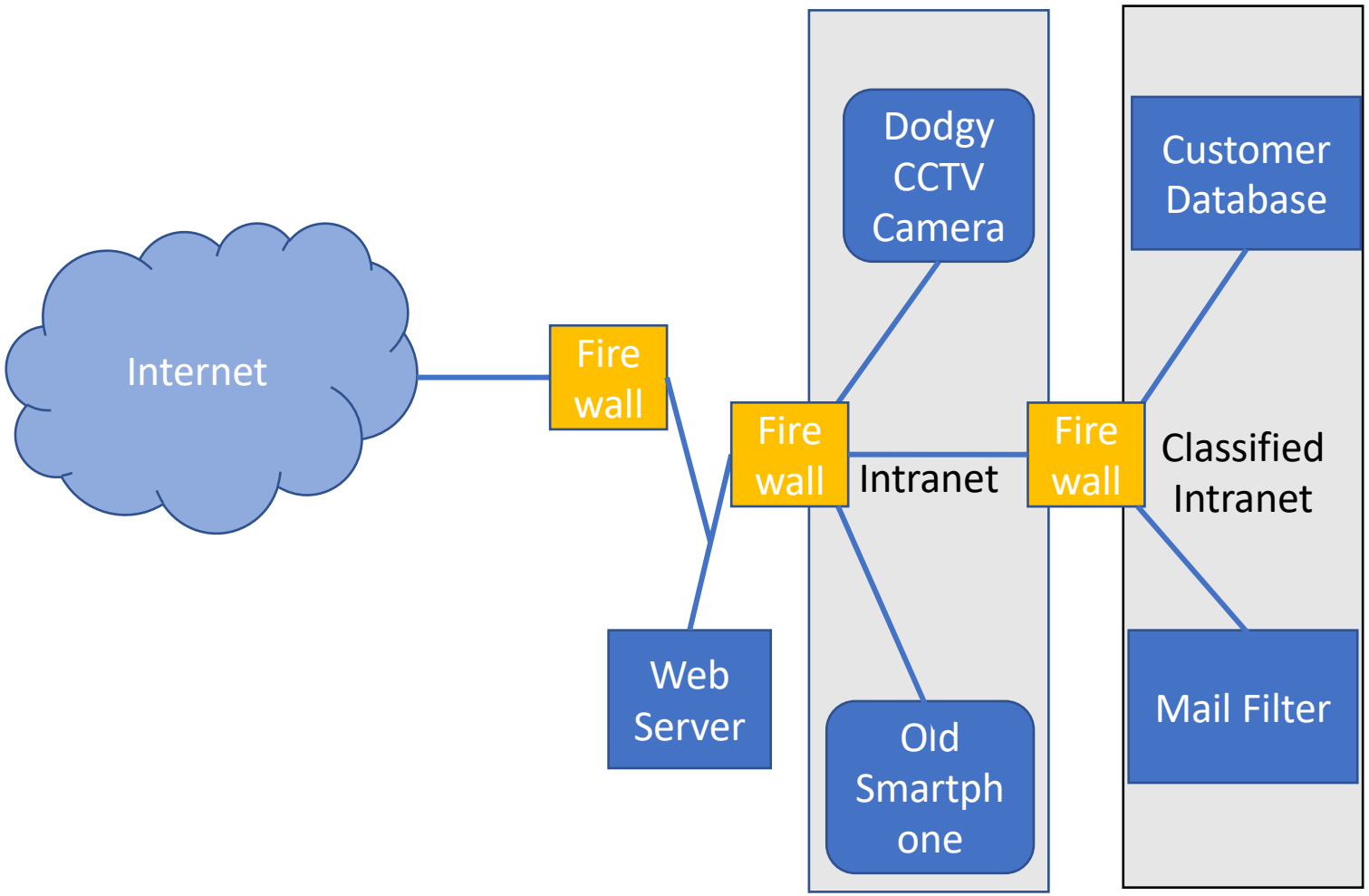


Content Filtering: Application Layer

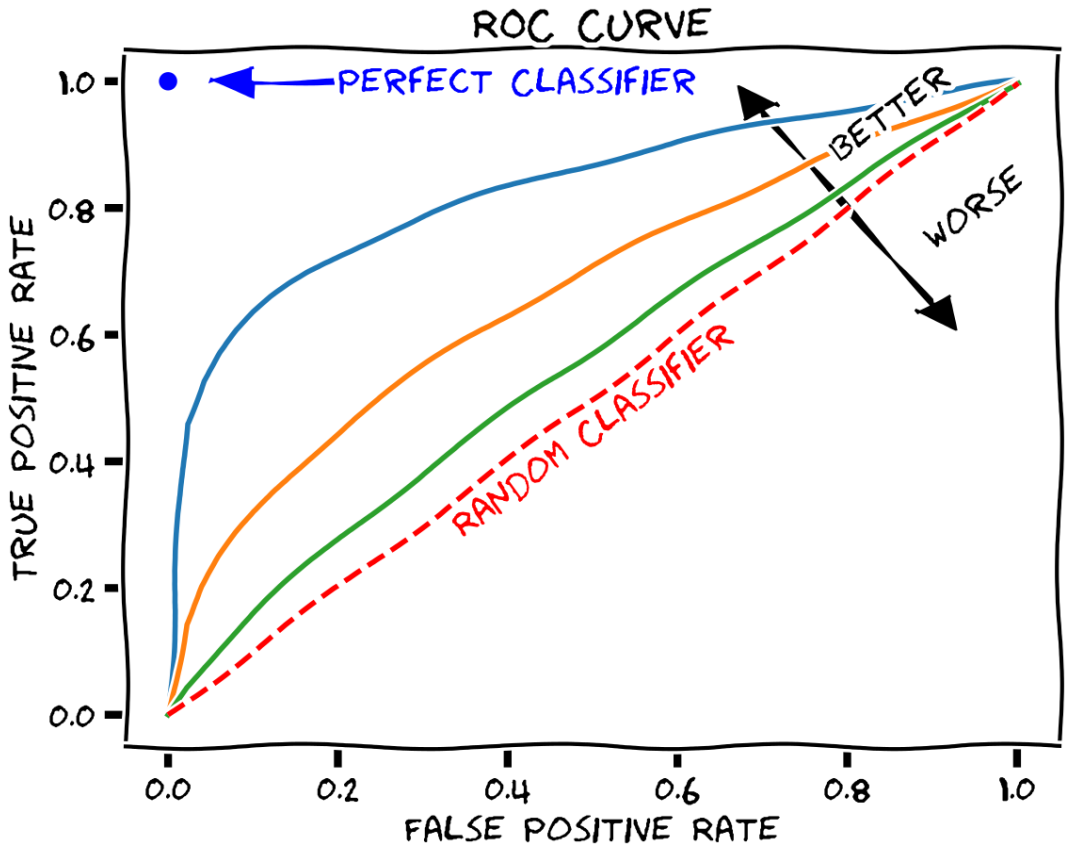
Circuit Gateways: Full TCP sessions.

Packet Filtering: IP-address spoofing, IP deny lists, port blocking

Where should your protections be?



ROC Curve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PERFECT CLASSIFIER
BETTER
WORSE
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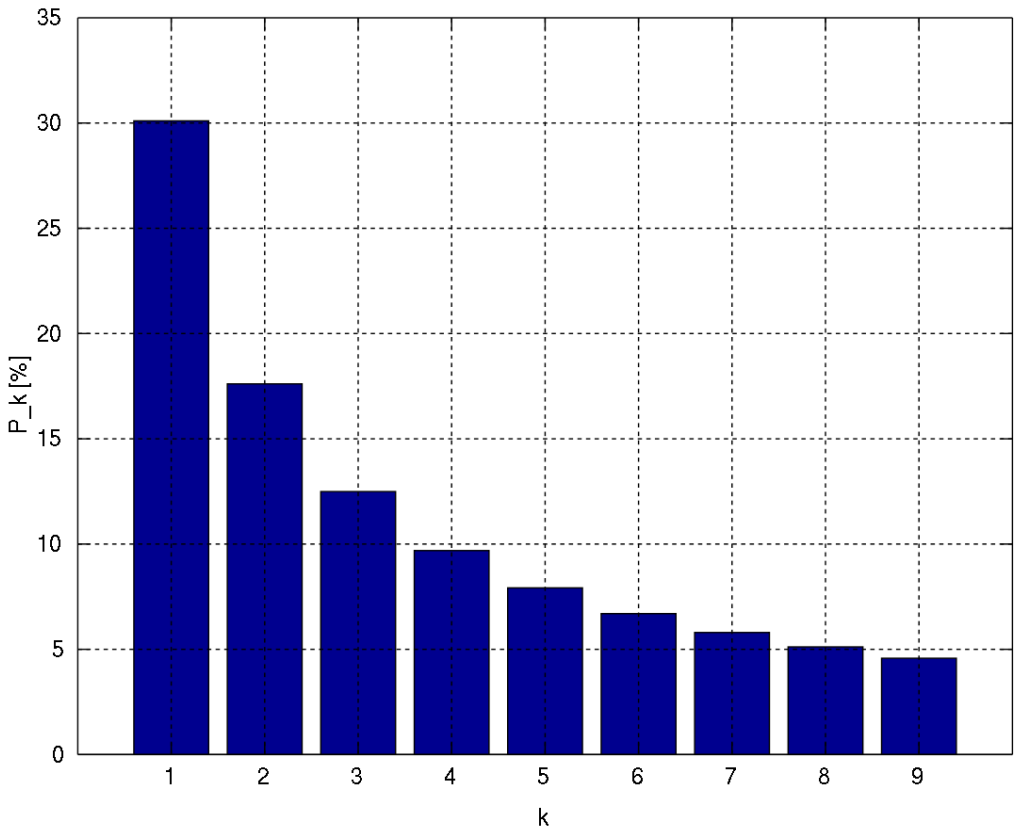
TRUE POSITIVE RATE
FALSE POSITIVE RATE
0.0
0.2
0.4
0.6
0.8
1.0

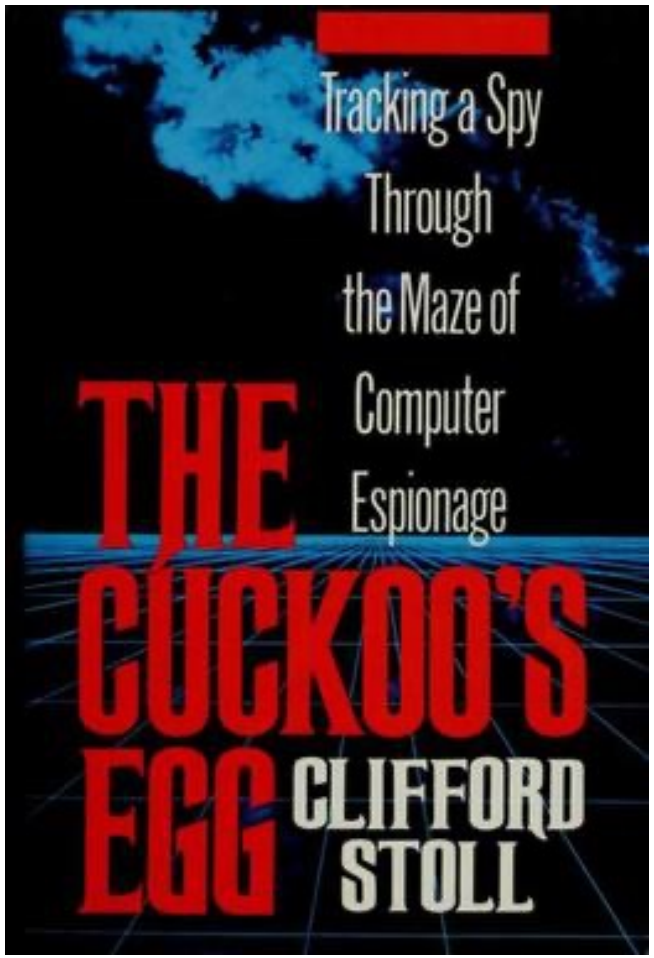
Intrusion Detection Systems

- Monitoring and Logging: Don’t block, just sound and alarm or forward on.
- Misuse Detection: known bad things
- Anomaly Detection: unusual things?

Example: Benford's Law



Honeypots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Challenges in Intrusion Detection

- The internet is noisy: malice or error?
- Signal-to-noise ratios
- We should always be wary of machine learning
- Audit trails (or lack thereof)
- Compliance vs real defence
- Global vs Local detection issues

Networks and Cryptography

- WiFi: WEP was weak, but WPA2 supported widely, and uses AES
- Is WiFi a “perimeter”? Issues around trust (default router passwords, IoT devices, unpatched devices)
- VPNs: Funnel packets over untrusted internet into trusted perimeters. IPSec probably weak by default ☹

Networks and Cryptography: HTTPS

- HTTPS (via TLS) now on >60% of connections
- Exchange session keys based on public-key infrastructure
- How do you identify who you're talking to? Certificating Authorities.
- Are CAs trustworthy?
- False positives: ROC curves again
- LetsEncrypt was a real game-changer

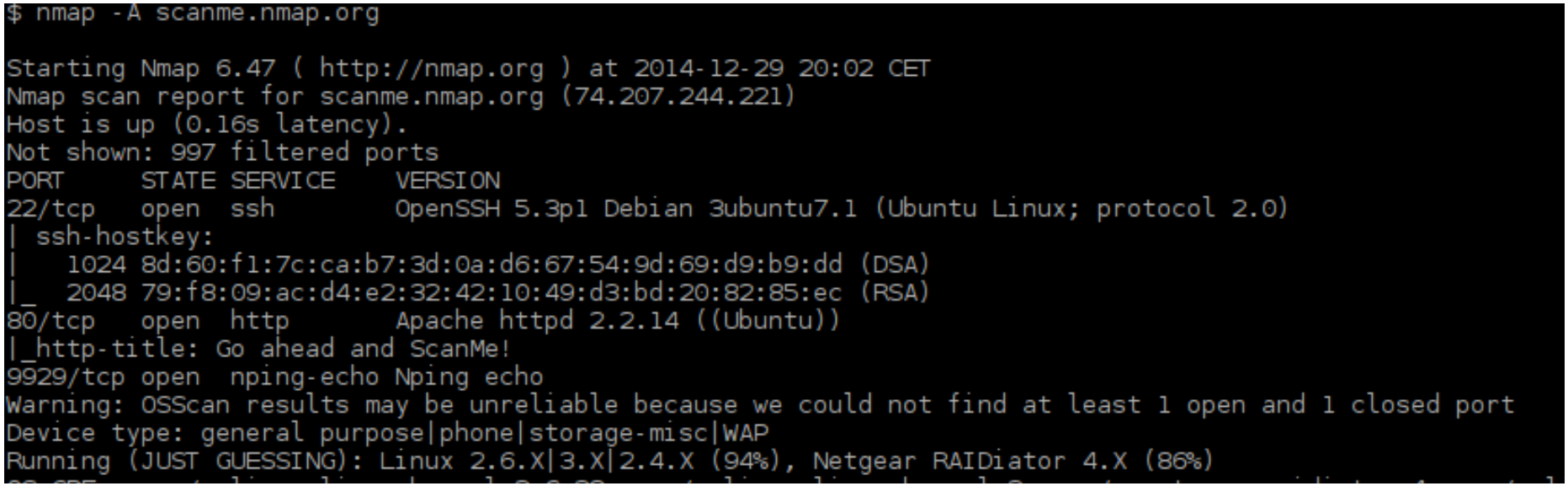
Networks and Cryptography: Email

- SMTP is old, and neither encrypted nor authenticated by default.
- PGP: Why Johnny Can’t Encrypt
- Mail-Server Filters: less good than you’d think
- Interception Prevention: STARTTLS and MTA-STS

XSS Game

- https://xss-game.appspot.com/
- Also, https://injection.pythonanywhere.com/ (XSS and SQL Injection)

Tools of Attack/Defence



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$ nmap -A scanme.nmap.org

Starting Nmap 6.47 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2014-12-29 20:02 CET
Nmap scan report for scanme.nmap.org (74.207.244.221)
Host is up (0.16s latency).
Not shown: 997 filtered ports
PORT     STATE SERVICE    VERSION
22/tcp   open  ssh        OpenSSH 5.3p1 Debian 3ubuntu7.1 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
|   1024 8d:60:f1:7c:ca:b7:3d:0a:d6:67:54:9d:69:d9:b9:dd (DSA)
|_  2048 79:f8:09:ac:d4:e2:32:42:10:49:d3:bd:20:82:85:ec (RSA)
80/tcp   open  http       Apache httpd 2.2.14 ((Ubuntu))
|_http-title: Go ahead and ScanMe!
9929/tcp open  nping-echo Nping echo
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: general purpose|phone|storage-misc|WAP
Running (JUST GUESSING): Linux 2.6.X|3.X|2.4.X (94%), Netgear RAIDiator 4.X (86%)
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Nmap: Port scanning

Tools of Attack/Defence

```
% echo "GET / HTTP/1.0\n" | netcat localhost 80

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sat, 07 Jan 2006 08:43:27 GMT
Server: Apache
Last-Modified: Wed, 28 Dec 2005 08:09:31 GMT
ETag: "13c6e-14-1ea644c0"
Accept-Ranges: bytes
Content-Length: 20
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html

nothing to see here

%
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Netcat: Port Scanning / Listening (of specific ports)

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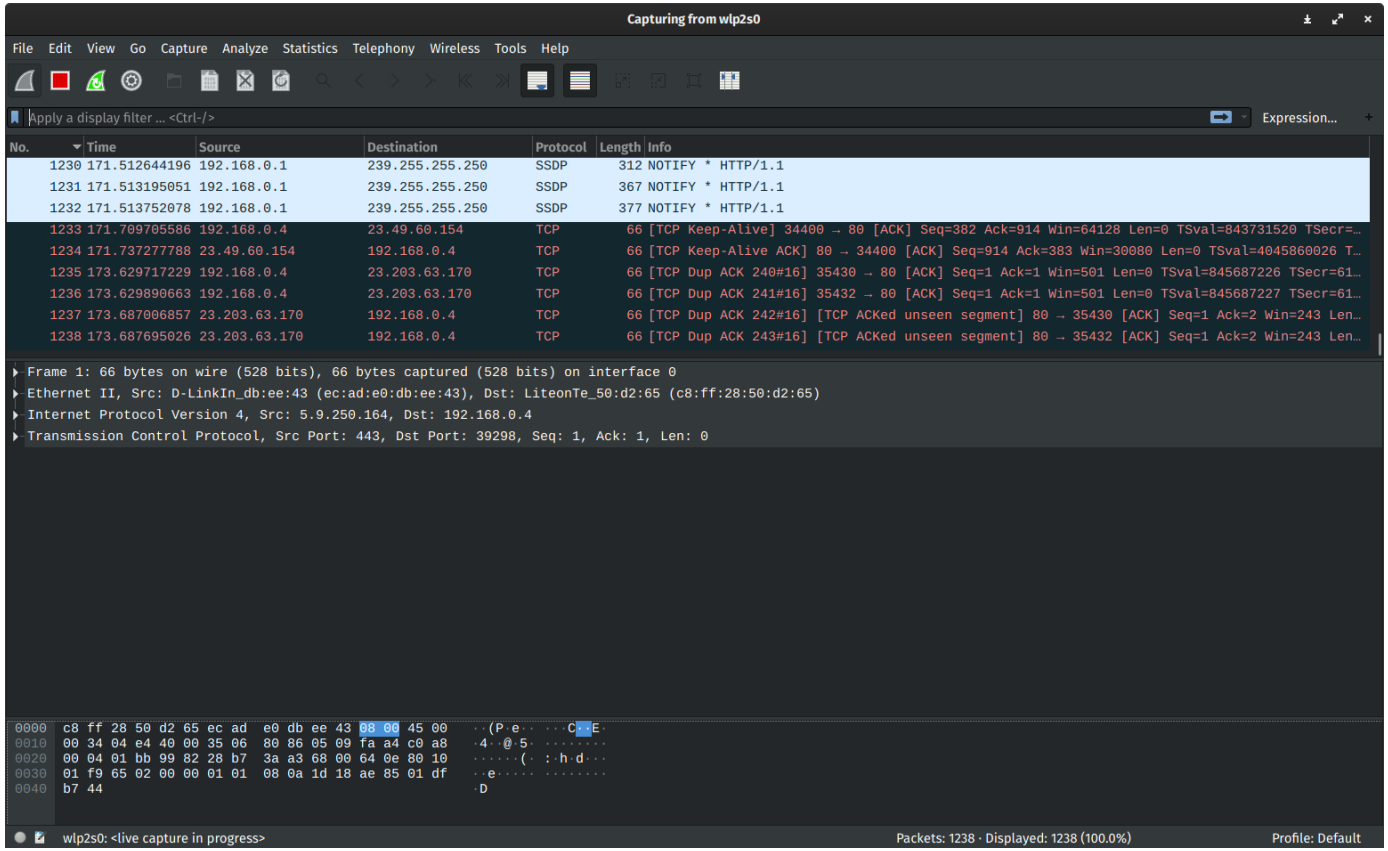
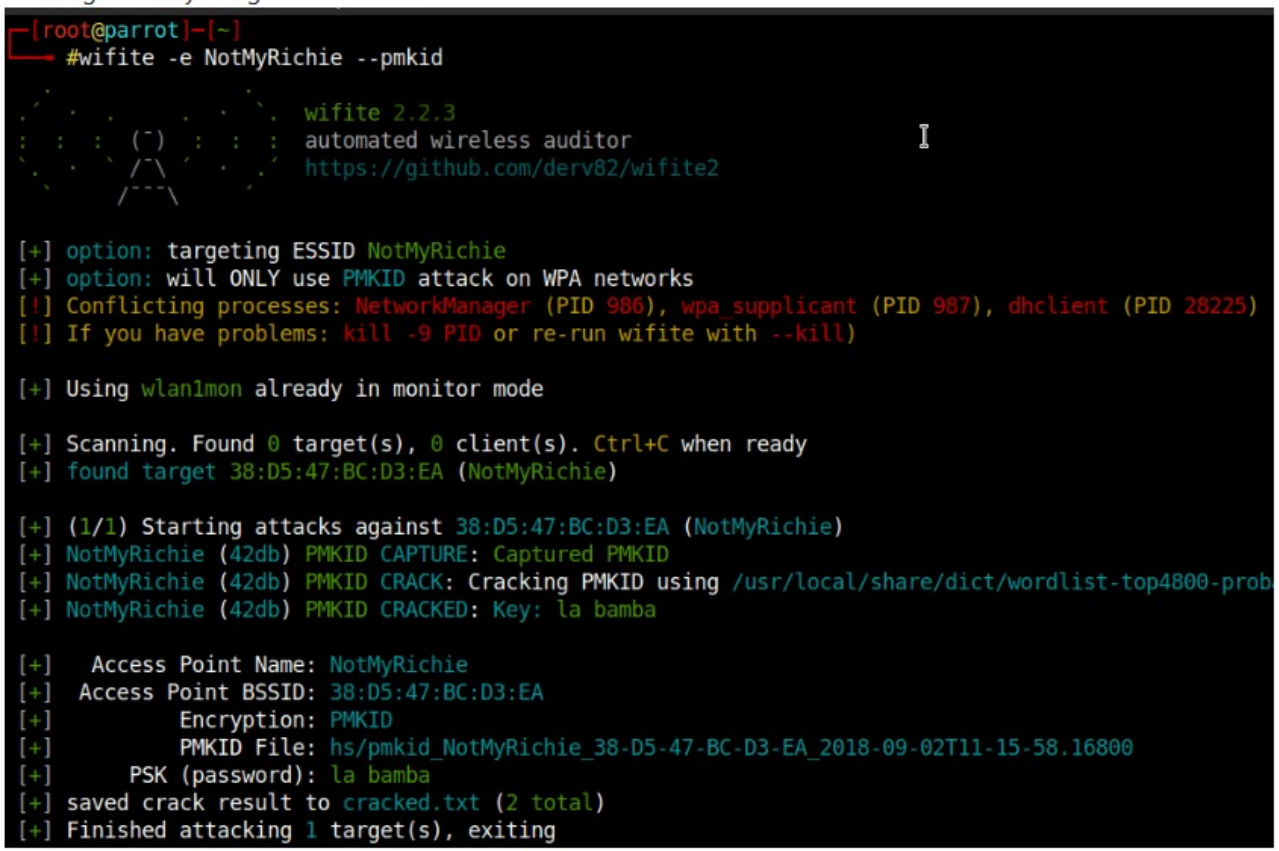


Wireshark: Packet Sniffing

Tools of Attack/Defence

Cracking WPA key using PMKID attack:



WiFite: WiFi hacking

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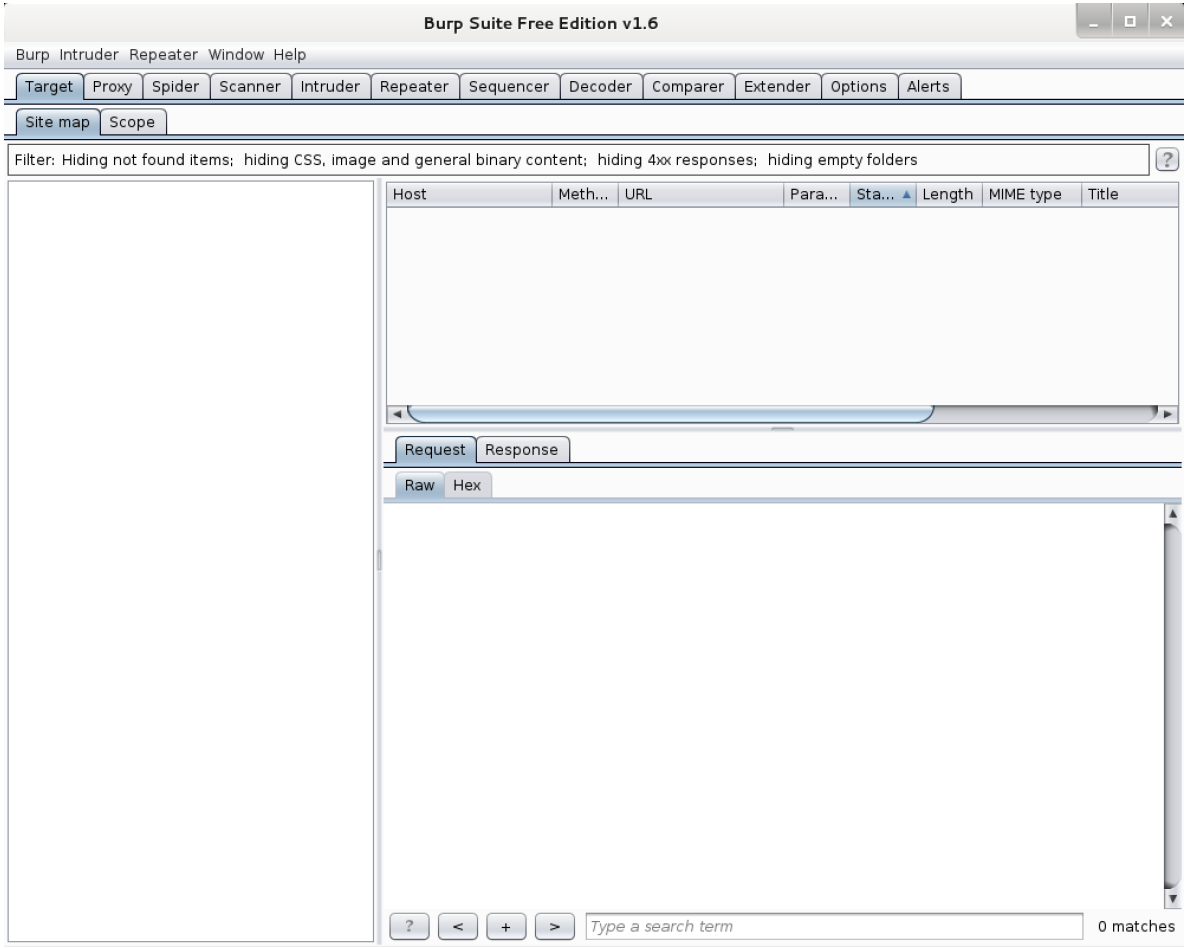

Burp Suite: Attack and Defend Web *Applications*