

## Agility 2018 Hands-on Lab Guide



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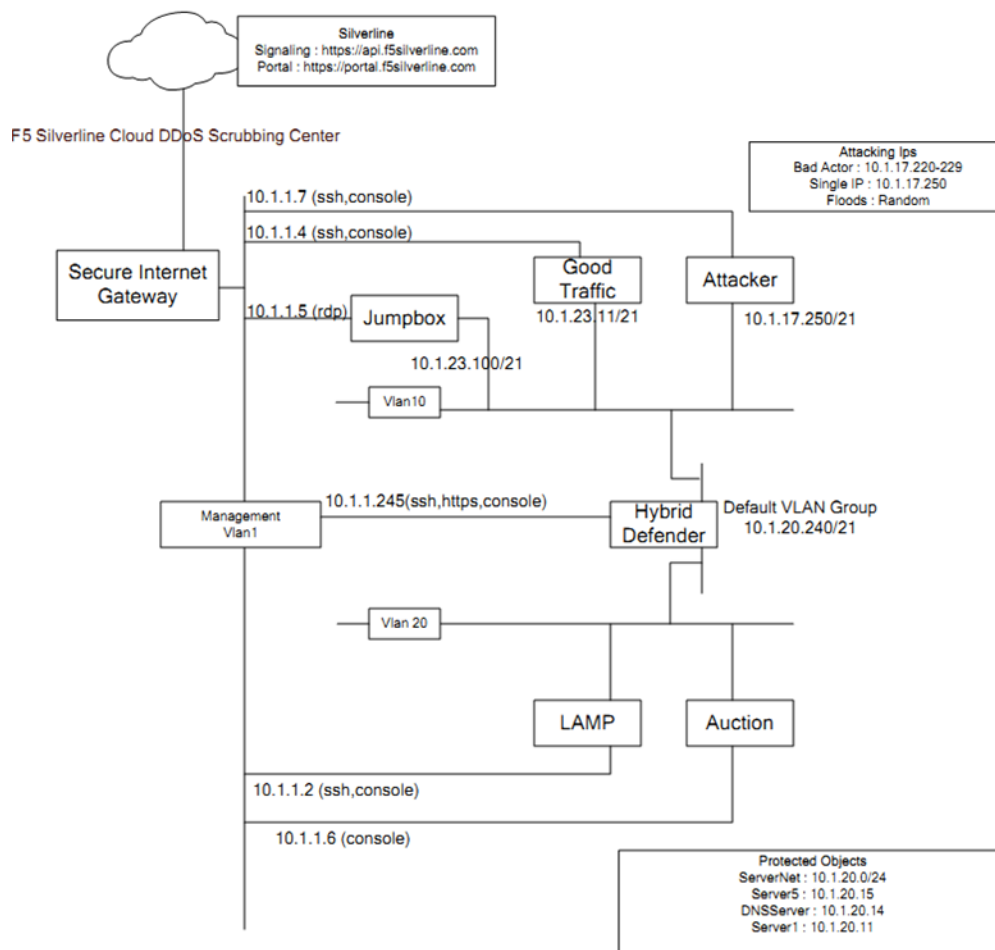
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## Getting Started

### 1.1 Lab Topology



### 1.1.1 Access and Credential Summary

You will use the Win7 jumpbox to access other systems for all labs. You will use **Putty** that has been pre-configured with appropriate keys in order to access the **DHD CLI**, **Good Client**, and the **Attacker** systems. The short cuts are on the desktop. You will be logged in as “root”.

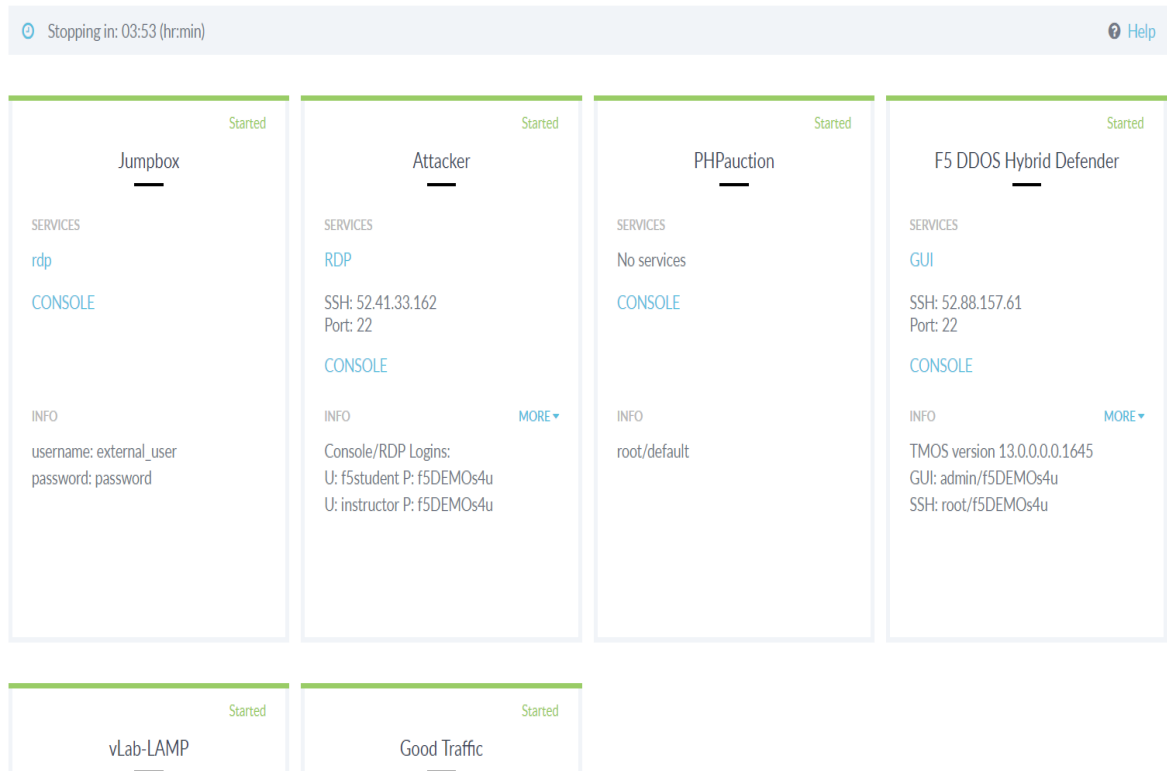
### 1.1.2 Lab Components

System	Username	Password
Ravello	Given at site	Given at site
Win7 Jumpbox	external_user	f5DEMOs4u
Hybrid Defender - WebUI	admin	f5DEMOs4u
Hybrid Defender - CLI	root	f5DEMOs4u
Good Client	ubuntu	Use key
Attacker	ubuntu	Use key
Auction CLI	root	default
Lamp CLI	root	default
Lamp X-Server Shell	xubuntu	<no password>

## 1.2 Accessing the Lab Environment

### 1.2.1 Task 1 – Open your RDP client and connect to your Windows Jumpbox

- A URL will be provided by your Instructor at the training site that will access the training portal.
- Click the Jumpbox RDP link.



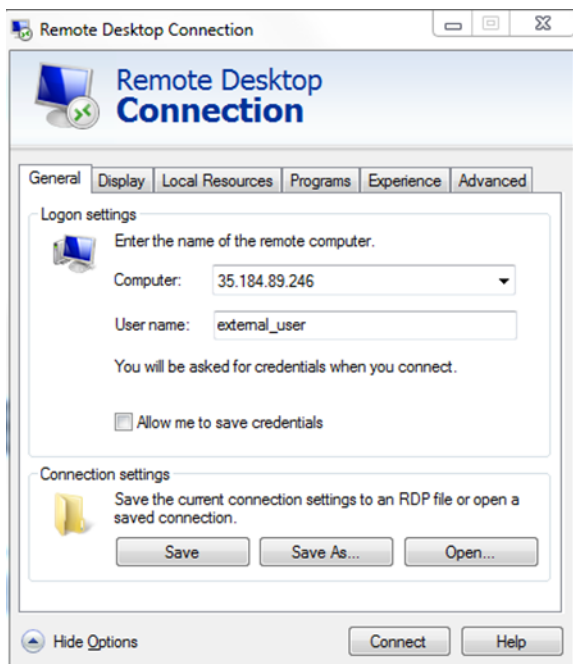
This will RDP to the Jumpbox where you will work all the labs from.

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**Note:** Use the show options to provide details.

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- Login to the Jumpbox
- User name: Jumpbox external\_user. Password: f5DEMOs4u



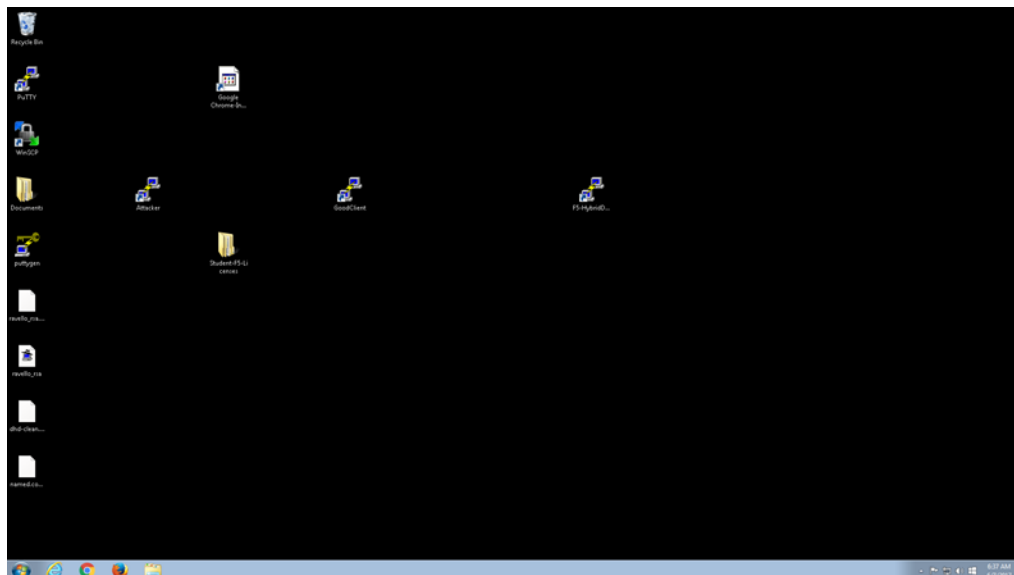
- Click YES at the warning



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**Note:** All Exercises/Tasks are to be completed from the Windows Jumpbox. There are various shortcuts – Chrome Incognito, Putty shortcuts, Licensing Folders on the jumpbox that you will use through the exercises.

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## Class 1: Introduction to DDoS with F5 Herculon

DDoS Hybrid Defender, a hybrid DDoS solution that offers comprehensive protection, high availability, and is easy to deploy and manage. It guards against aggressive volumetric and targeted DDoS attacks, includes hardware-assisted DDoS mitigation, and optionally, connects with Silverline, a cloud-based scrubbing service.

This class covers the following topics:

- Initial Set-up, Device Configuration and Protected Object Configuration.

### 2.1 DDoS Hybrid Defender Setup

In this module you will learn how to complete the initial setup of F5 Networks DDoS Hybrid Defender

#### 2.1.1 Lab 1 – DDoS Hybrid Defender Setup

Estimated completion time: 45 minutes

##### Task 1 – Initial Set-up

- Open a web browser and access supplied link.(Given at Location)
- Login to the BIG-IP Configuration Utility via your preferred browser?

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**Note:** When you first power up a F5 DHD device you would go through the steps of Licensing and Provisioning. We have assigned the management IP, hostname, NTP and DNS servers. You will be re-activating the license using a new license key.

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- On the **System > Platform** page configure the following, and then click **Update**.

Host Name	<your name>.f5demo.com
Root Account (Password and Confirm)	f5DEMOs4u
Admin Account (Password and Confirm)	f5DEMOs4u

- This will log you out. Log back in

- On **Device Management->Devices** select the device and then click “**Change Device Name...**”. Update the device name to match the hostname you have chosen. Retain Current Authority
- Click **Update** to save changes
- Review and Verify the following: **System -> Configuration -> Device -> NTP** page add **pool.ntp.org** to the Time Server List, and then click **Update**.
- Review and Verify the following: **System -> Configuration -> Device ->DNS** page add 8.8.8.8 to the DNS Lookup Server List, and then click **Update**.
- Open the **System > License** page and **re-activate** the BIG-IP system using the new development license key using Manual mode. Copy and Paste License file.

General Properties	
License Type	Evaluation
Licensed Date	May 20, 2017
License Expiration Date	Jul 5, 2017
Active Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DDOS Hybrid Defender, VE-3G (LRTCHQJ-GZYOYJH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Max Compression, VE</li> <li>◦ SSL, VE</li> <li>◦ Routing Bundle</li> </ul> </li> <li>• IPI Subscription, 1Yr, VE-3G(Subscription) (RKBIWRR-KSXWUKC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Subscription expires after Jul 5, 2017</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Optional Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPI Subscription, 3Yr, VE-3G</li> </ul>
Inactive Modules	
<input type="button" value="Re-activate..."/>	

- Click **Next** and explore **Resource Provisioning** page

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**Note:** The above task ensures that you are using a purpose built DDoS Hybrid Defender. If you are familiar with other F5 Modules/Technology that you have used in the past, you will notice that we have none of those provisioned.

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- When done click **Submit**.
- Access the Jumbox via RDP. PuTTY into the Hybrid Defender. Login with `root` and restart services

```
bigstart restart
```

Take a break, ask questions, talk to your neighbor ..it will take several minutes to restart

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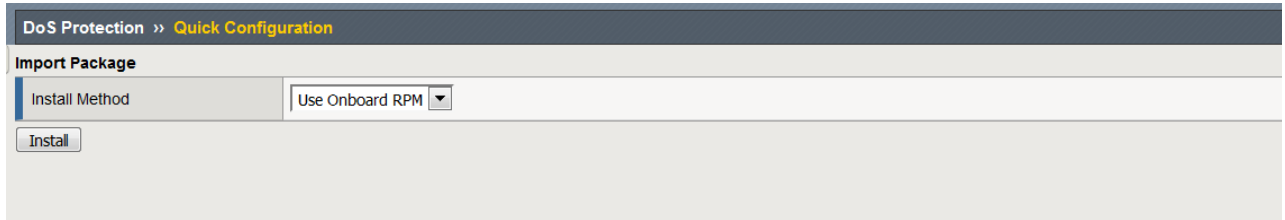
**Note:** You MUST re-activate, even if the current license key hasn't expired. For Silverline access each BIG-IP system must use a unique license key.

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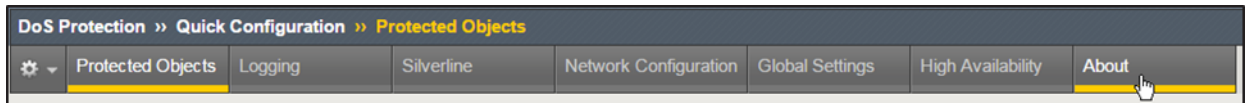
## Task 2 – DDoS Hybrid Defender iApp and Base Configuration

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page.

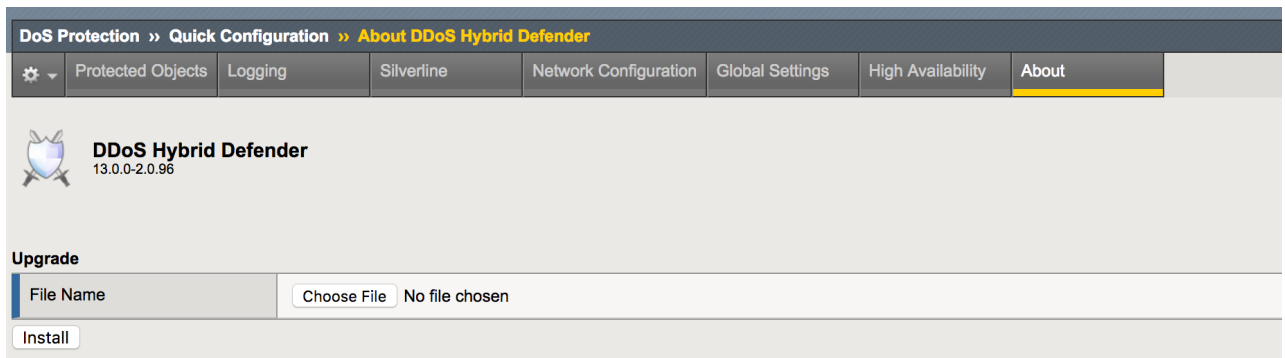
- Select Install RPM method of Onboard
- Click **Install**



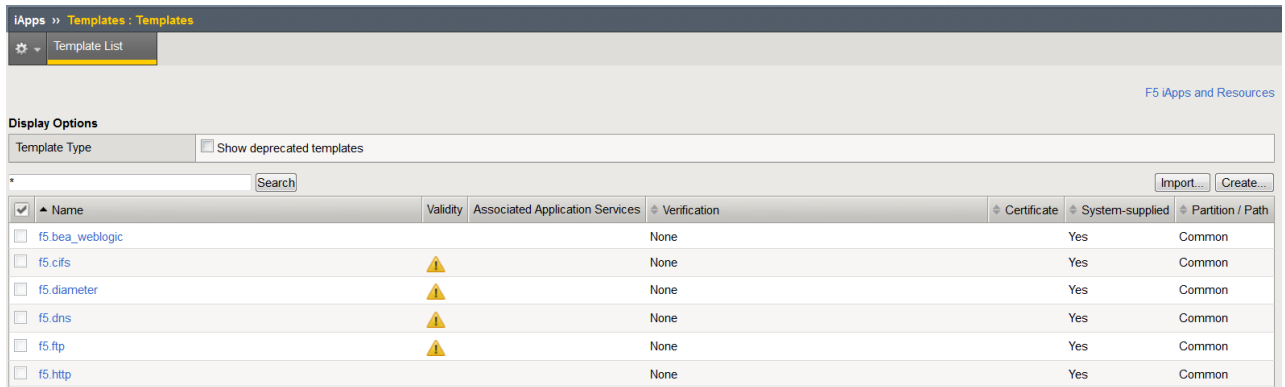
- Open the About page



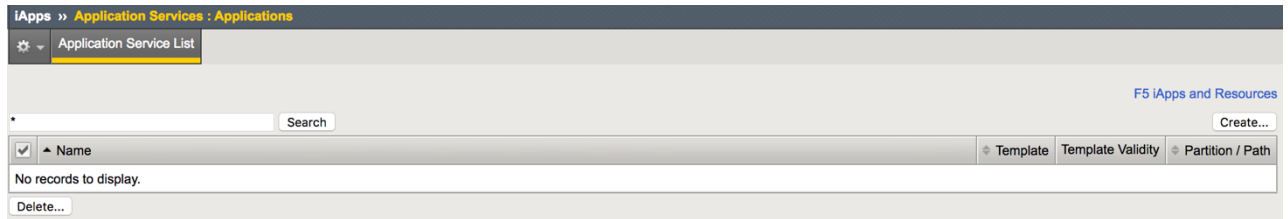
- This page displays the current version of DDoS Hybrid Defender (DHD). You use this page to install and update the iApp LX version for DHD when newer versions are released.



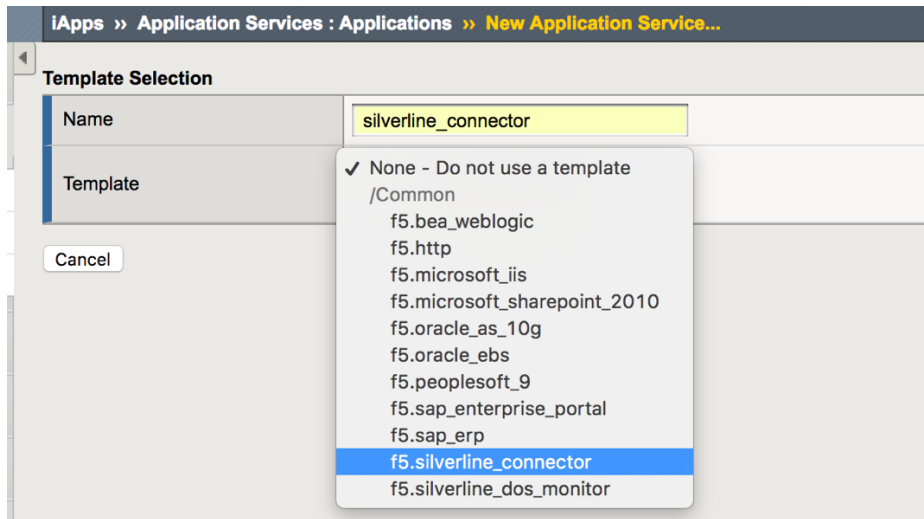
- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, click **iApps**, **Templates** and **Import**, importing the two templates located on the jumpbox documents folder.



- Use the **Browse** and **Upload** buttons. (You will do this once for each template)
- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open **iApps > Application Services** and select **Create**



- You will be creating two services based on the two Silverline Templates:
  - F5.silverline\_connector
  - F5.silverline\_dos\_monitor



- Use the default settings for the Silverline connector
- Use the Silverline username and password supplied

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**Note:** This is case sensitive – make sure email address is all lowercase

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**iApps » Application Services : Applications » silverline\_connector**

Properties Reconfigure Components Security

Template Selection: Basic

Name: silverline\_connector

Template: f5.silverline\_connector [Change...](#)

☐ Show deprecated templates

**Welcome to the iApp template for the F5 Silverline Hybrid Connector**

Introduction: This template allows this BIG-IP and it's sync-failover Device Group peers to connect to the F5 Silverline Cloud Platform.

Version: v1.0.4 Build: 3

Check for Updates: Check for new versions of this template on the F5 Silverline Knowledge Base website (<https://support.f5silverline.com/hc/en-us/articles/219435867>).

**Template Options**

Do you want to see inline help? Yes, show inline help

Which configuration mode do you want to use? Basic - Use F5's recommended settings

This template supports basic and advanced configurations modes. Basic mode exposes the most commonly used settings, and automatically configures the rest of the options based on F5's recommended settings. Advanced mode allows you to review and change all settings. If you are unsure, select Basic.

**F5 Silverline User Credentials**

F5 Silverline Username: dhd2017us@f5agility.com

F5 Silverline Password: .....

Please enter valid Silverline login credentials that will be used for device registration. Username should be entered in the format of: user@example.com. The user credentials used here cannot have Read-Only rights.

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**iApps » Application Services : Applications**

Application Service List

silverline Search Reset Search [F5 iApps and Resources](#) [Create...](#)

Name	Template	Template Validity	Partition / Path
<input type="checkbox"/> silverline_connector	f5.silverline_connector		Common/silverline_connector.app

[Delete...](#)

- Create the 2<sup>nd</sup> service for the Silverline DOS Monitor (f5.silverline\_dos\_monitor)

**iApps » Application Services : Applications » New Application Service...**

**Template Selection**

Name: silverline\_dos\_monitor

Template: ☒ None - Do not use a template

☐ /Common  
☐ f5.bea\_weblogic  
☐ f5.http  
☐ f5.microsoft\_iis  
☐ f5.microsoft\_sharepoint\_2010  
☐ f5.oracle\_as\_10g  
☐ f5.oracle\_ebs  
☐ f5.peoplesoft\_9  
☐ f5.sap\_enterprise\_portal  
☐ f5.sap\_erp  
☐ f5.silverline\_connector  
☒ f5.silverline\_dos\_monitor

[Cancel](#)

- Use the default settings for the dos\_connector except for Volumetric Attack Event Monitoring, switch the network object from interface to VLAN.

**Welcome to the iApp template for the F5 Silverline DoS Monitor**

Introduction	This iApp monitors for Volumetric DoS attacks and individual bad-actors and notifies the F5 Silverline Cloud Platform if found.
Version	v1.0.4 Build: 8
Check for Updates	Check for new versions of this template on the F5 Silverline Knowledge Base website ( <a href="https://support.f5silverline.com/hc/en-us/articles/219435867">https://support.f5silverline.com/hc/en-us/articles/219435867</a> ).
Additional features available	This system is not currently provisioned to run the BIG-IP Application Security Module (ASM). Some features will not be available.
Additional features available	This system is not currently provisioned to run the BIG-IP Advanced Firewall Manager (AFM). Some features will not be available.

**Template Options**

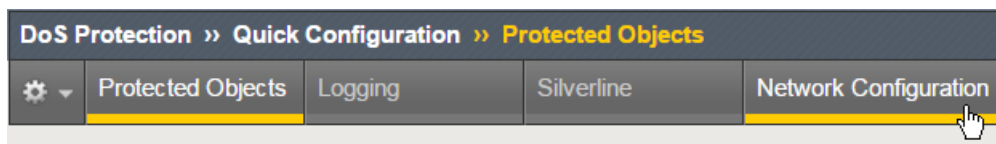
Do you want to see inline help?	Yes, show inline help
	Inline help is available to provide contextual descriptions to aid in the completion of this configuration. Select to show or hide the inline help in this template. Important notes and warnings are always visible, no matter which selection you make here.
Which configuration mode do you want to use?	Basic - Use F5's recommended settings
	This template supports basic and advanced configurations modes. Basic mode exposes the most commonly used settings, and automatically configures the rest of the options based on F5's recommended settings. Advanced mode allows you to review and change all settings. If you are unsure, select Basic.

**Volumetric Attack Event Monitoring**

Do you want to enable monitoring for Volumetric DoS Events?	Yes
What network object type do you want to monitor?	Interface VLAN
	This iApp deployment can monitor either a VLAN or an Interface for bandwidth utilization. Select the best network object type for your environment and configuration.
	WARNING: No valid interfaces detected. Interfaces must be 'Up' to be selected.
	The interface selected above will be monitored for ingress bandwidth utilization to detect for DoS attacks.
What is the aggregate Internet bandwidth (in Mbps)	1000
	Define the aggregate Internet bandwidth for all active ISP links in Megabits per second (Mbps). Example: Dual 1 Gbps links would be defined as 2000 Mbps. Also, changes in Internet bandwidth, such as adding another circuit or increasing total bandwidth, will require reconfiguring this iApp.
Define the prefix(es) and mask(s) that should be communicated to F5 Silverline.	Prefix CIDR Mask 24 x Add
	The prefix(es) and mask(s) defined above will be sent to F5 Silverline as part of the DoS Detected API alert message. The prefix/mask information can help expedite mitigation of traffic.

Cancel Repeat Finished

- Open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration Network Configuration** page.



- In the Default Network section click **default VLAN**.
- Configure the VLANs using following information, and then click **Done Editing**.

<b>Internal: VLAN Tag</b>	20
<b>Internal: Interfaces</b>	1.2 Untagged
<b>Internal: IP Address / Mask</b>	10.1.20.240/21 (Click <b>Add</b> )
<b>External: VLAN Tag</b>	10
<b>External: Interfaces</b>	1.1 Untagged (Click <b>Add</b> )

Default Network					
	VLAN Group	Network	VLAN Tag	Interfaces	IP Address / Mask (Port Lockdown)
<input type="checkbox"/>	defaultVLAN	Internal	20	1.2 (UnTagged)	10.1.20.240/21(Allow None)
		External	10	1.1 (UnTagged)	

- At the bottom of the page click **Update** to create the default network.
- Open the **Network > VLANs > VLAN Groups** page and click **defaultVLAN**.
- A Bridged (VLAN Group) L2 configuration consistent recommended practices for most deployments was automatically created
- Open the **Network > DNS Resolvers > DNS Resolver** list page and click **Create**.

- Enter `default_DNS_resolver` and then click **Finished**.
- A DNS resolver is required by bot signatures to allow for proper detection of benign search engines such as Google and Bing.
- On the Jumpbox desktop, PuTTY to the BIG-IP
- Login as `root`
- Verify DNS by typing the following

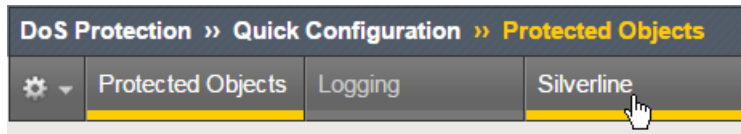
```
nslookup api.f5silverline.com
```

- Type the following to verify the correct date setting:
- If the BIG-IP system date is not accurate, correct it using the following commands:

```
bigstart stop ntpd
ntpdate 10.1.1.254
bigstart start ntpd
```

### Task 3 – Configure Silverline Signaling

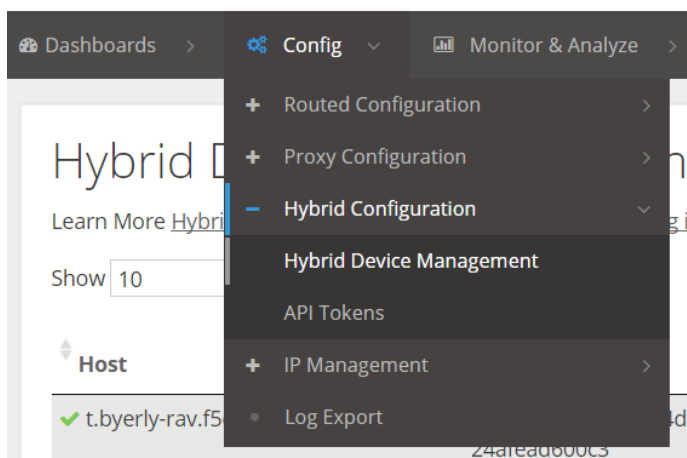
- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page.
- Open the **Silverline** page.



- Configure using following information, and then click **Update**.

Username	<a href="mailto:dhd2017us@f5agility.com">dhd2017us@f5agility.com</a>
Password	HybridDefense!Wins!
Service Address	<a href="https://api.f5silverline.com">https://api.f5silverline.com</a>

- Register the device with the Silverline iApp, to provide bandwidth utilization updates in **iApps->Application Services->Applications->silverline\_connector**. In the iApp, select **Reconfigure** and then click **Finished**. This will cause the iApp to register under the new device name.
- Use a web browser and access <https://portal.f5silverline.com>.
- Log in with the above credentials
- In the Silverline browser, open the **Config->Hybrid Configuration->Hybrid Device Management** page.





- Locate your DHD device by searching for (<your name prefix>.f5demo.com) .
- Click the **Approve** button to approve device registration.

### Hybrid Devices for F5 Training

[Learn More Hybrid Device Integration](#) | [Download the Signaling iApps](#)

Show 10 entries

Search:

Host	Device Token	Device Type	Registered At	Tags
 t.byerly-dhvd2.f5demo.com	2c:c2:60:75:f3:9f-564dadcc-a795-99fc-24afead600c3	BIG-IP	2017-05-22 18:50 (UTC)	hostname:t.byerly-dhvd2.f5demo.com, iapp_instance:silverline-connector, silverline_connector
 t.byerly-dhvd2.f5demo.com	2C:C2:60:75:F3:9F-EIAPC-JEGXE-XOLTQ-IANYN-YTNQRZX	Herculon DHD	2017-05-22 19:38 (UTC)	hostname:t.byerly-dhvd2.f5demo.com, iapp_instance:pbdos, silverline_connector

Showing 1 to 2 of 2 entries

Previous **1** Next

**Note:** For Silverline device registration to function properly there must be some specific considerations. The BIG-IP system must have a unique device ID, which is comprised of attributes like Base MAC and registration key. In Ravello and similar virtual environments the Hybrid Defender VE must be re-licensed uniquely each time.

## Task 4 – Configure DHD Device Bandwidth Thresholds

- In the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page, open the **Protected Objects** page.
- In the **Network Protection** section click **Create**.
- Configure using following information, and then click **Save**.

<b>Maximum Bandwidth: Specify</b>	500
<b>Scrubbing Threshold: Type</b>	Percentage
<b>1.20Scrubbing Threshold: Value</b>	75
<b>Advertisement Method</b>	Silverline
<b>Scrubber Details: Type</b>	Advertise All

DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » Protected Objects

Protected Objects | Logging | Silverline | Network Configuration | Global Settings | High Availability | About

**Device Protection**

Name	DDoS Configurations	Action
<a href="#">Device Configuration</a>	Bad Headers, DNS, Flood, Fragmentation, Single Endpoint, SIP, Other	Log And Mitigate

**Network Protection** Delete Edit

Maximum Bandwidth	Scrubbing Threshold	Advertisement Method	Scrubber Details
Specify... 500 Mbps	Type: Percentage Value: 75 % of 500 Mbps	Silverline	Type: Advertise All IPv4: any IPv6: any6

Save Cancel

**Protected Objects** Create

Name	Deployment Model	DDoS Configurations	Action	Silverline	Protected Object
					IP Address   Port   Protocol
No records to display					

- That completes the setup for BIG-IP DDoS Hybrid Defender with Silverline integration.

## 2.1.2 Lab 2 – Start Baseline Traffic Generation

### Task 1 – Create Protected Objects that the baseline traffic will be targeting

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection>>Quick Configuration** page and in the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

Name	Server5
IP Address	10.1.20.15
Port	*
Protocol	All Protocols
VLAN	Any
Protection Settings: Action	Log and Mitigate
Protection Settings: Silverline	Yes (selected)
Protection Settings: DDoS Settings	IPv4, TCP,

DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » Create Protected Object

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**Protected Object**

Name	Server5
IP Address / Mask	10.1.20.15
Port	*
Protocol	All Protocols ▼
VLAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any
SSL	<input type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Deployment Model	Traffic : Symmetric ▼

**Capacity**

Connection Limit	Infinite ▼
Maximum Bandwidth	Infinite ▼
Enable External Redirection	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Protection Settings**

Action	Log And Mitigate ▼
Silverline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Default Whitelist	No Address Selected Add IP address <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add"/>
HTTP Whitelist	Use Default ▼
DDoS Settings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IPv4 <input type="checkbox"/> IPv6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TCP <input type="checkbox"/> UDP <input type="checkbox"/> Sweep <input type="checkbox"/> DNS <input type="checkbox"/> SIP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTPS <input type="checkbox"/> L4 Behavioral

**IPv4**

**TCP**

- This protected object will be used for Auto-Threshold

Protected Objects								Create
Name	Deployment Model	DDoS Configurations	Action	Silverline	IP Address	Protected Object	Port	Protocol
Server5	Symmetric	IPv4, TCP	Log And Mitigate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10.1.20.15	Any	Any	ANY

## Task 2 – Run Scripts to start L4 traffic generation – Good Traffic

- Putty SSH (use the shortcut) to open a shell to the good client system.
- Login as user : `ubuntu`. The session is preconfigured to authenticate with a certificate.
- Start the auto-threshold baselining script with:

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# ./baseline_l4.sh
```

**Note:** Ignore the “sudo: unable to resolve host xjumpbox” when you issue the sudo bash command throughout the labs.

## 2.1.3 Lab 3 – Configuring Hybrid Defender DDoS protection

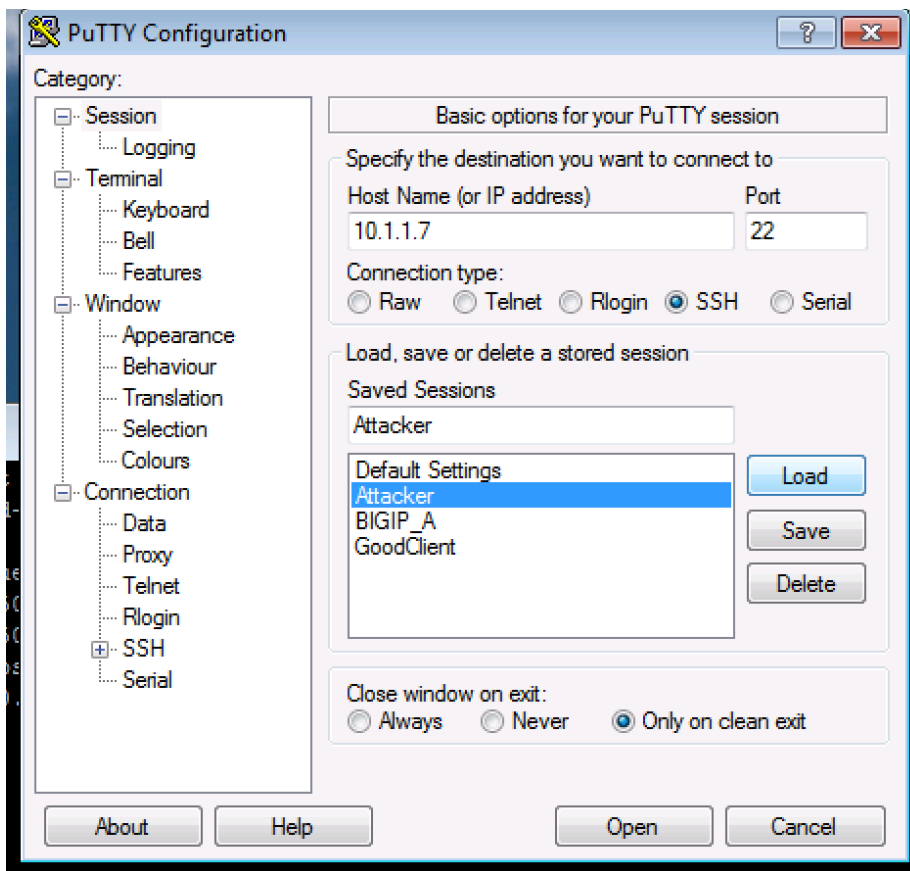
### Task 1 – Disable Device-Level DHD DoS Protection

In this lab you will disable **device-level** DoS flood protection, and then issue an ICMPv4 flood and review the results.

- **PuTTY** to the BIG-IP CLI (10.1.1.245) and resize window by making it wider. Login with root/f5DEMOs4u.
- At the **config** prompt, type (or copy and paste) the following command:

```
tcpdump -i 0.0
```

- Open a second **PuTTY** window and Load the Attacker Saved Session at **10.1.1.7** and log in as **ubuntu**. It will use a **pre-loaded public key** as the credentials.



- At the **config** prompt, type (or copy and paste) the following command:

```
ping 10.1.20.12
```

The attacker can successfully communicate with a back-end resource behind the BIG-IP DHD.

- Examine the **tcpdump** window and verify ICMP packets are flowing through the BIG-IP DHD.

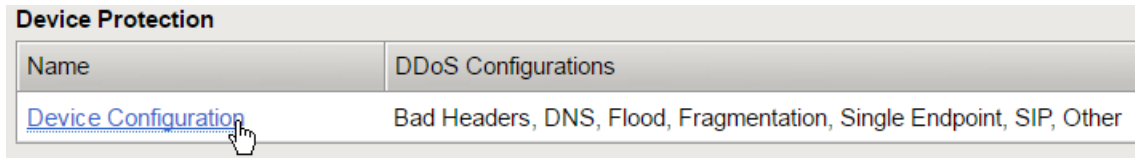
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**Note:** The listener for the ICMP packets is the VLAN group.

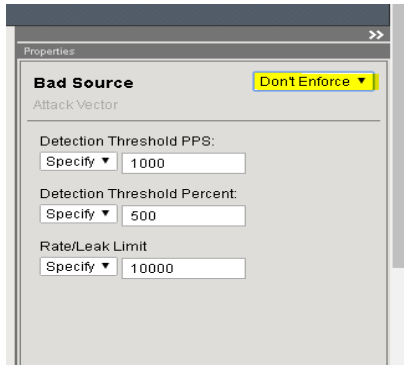
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- Cancel the `ping` command, then verify the `tcpdump` stops receiving ICMP packets, and then press **Enter** several times to clear the recent log entries.

- In the Configuration Utility, in the **DoS Protection, Quick Configuration, Device Protection** section click **Device Configuration**.



- In the **Bad Headers** row click the **+** icon, and then click **Bad Source**.
- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to “Don’t Enforce”



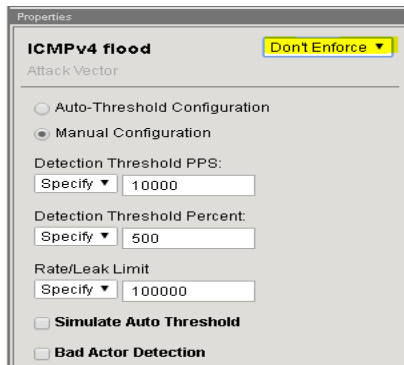
- In the **Flood** row click the **+** icon, and then click **ICMPv4 flood**.

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**Note:** If you minimize by clicking the **+** icon, it will make seeing the other sections easier.

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- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to “Don’t Enforce”



– Apply the settings above for **TCP SYN flood** and **UDP Flood**., and then click **Update**.

- On the Jumpbox in the **Attacker** PuTTY window type (or copy and paste) the following:

```
# sudo su
# cd scripts
# ls
```

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**Note:** Ignore the “unable to resolve host Attacker message”

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These are the different scripts we’ll be using during the exercises to simulate DoS attacks.



- Type (or copy and paste) the following commands:

```
for i in {1..10}; do ./icmpflood.sh; done
```

This script launches 1,000,000 ICMP requests and then repeats for a total of ten occurrences.

- View the `tcpdump` window and verify that ICMP attack traffic is reaching the back-end server.
- Let the attack run for about 15 seconds before moving on.
- In the Configuration Utility, open the **Statistics > Performance > Performance** page.
- View the Active Connections and Total New Connections charts.
- There is a drastic spike in active connections.



- View the Throughput (bits) and Throughput (packets) charts.

There is also a drastic spike in both bits per second and packets per second.

- Open the **Security > Event Logs > DoS > Network > Events** page.

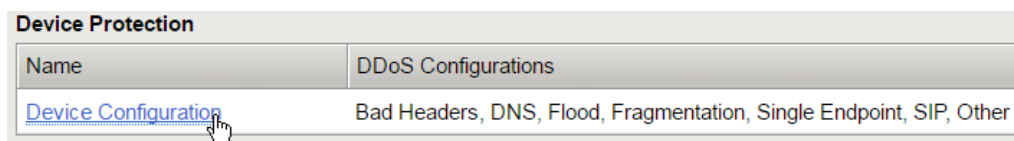
The log file is empty as we disabled device-level flood protection on BIG-IP DHD.

- On the Jumpbox Attacker shell slowly type **Ctrl + C** several times until back at the `scripts` prompt.

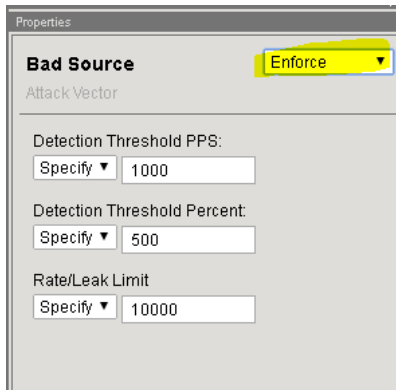
## Task 2 – Re-enable Device-Level DHD DoS Protection

In this task you will re-configure **device-level** DoS protection, and then issue an ICMPv4 flood and review the results.

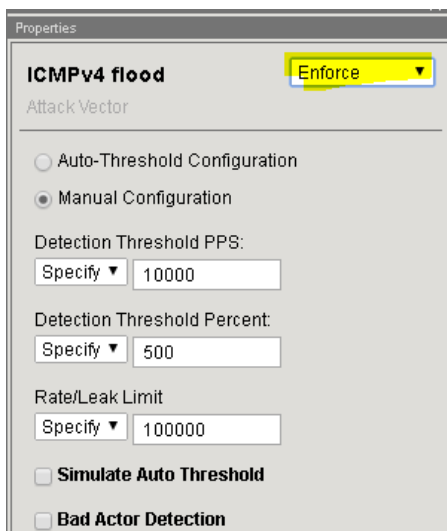
- In the Configuration Utility, in the **Device Protection** section click **Device Configuration**.



- In the **Bad Headers** row click the + icon, and then click **Bad Source**.
- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to **“Enforce”**



- In the **Flood** row click the + icon, and then click **ICMPv4 flood**.
- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to “**Enforce**”



- Click **Update**.

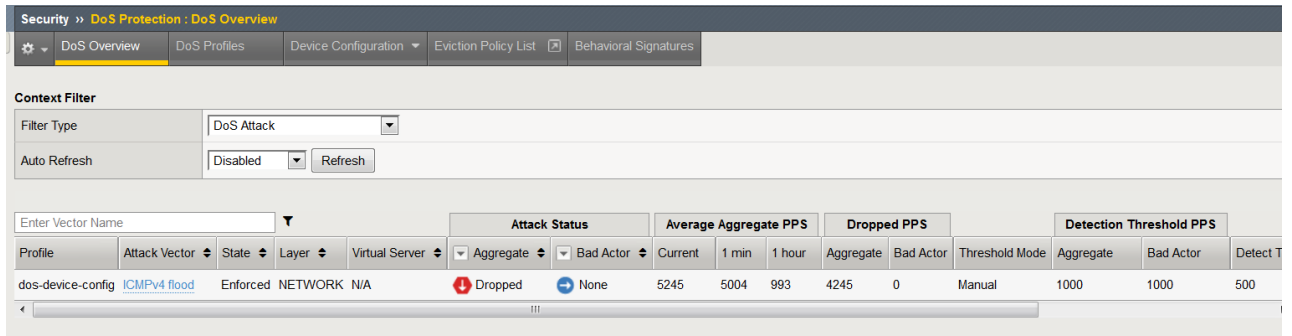
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**Note:** This returns the configuration back to factory supplied device level enforcement.

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- On the Jumpbox in the **Attacker A** PuTTY window re-run the following command:  

```
for i in {1..10}; do ./icmpflood.sh; done
```
- Let the attack run for about 15 seconds before moving on.
- In the Configuration Utility, open the **Security > Dos Protection > DoS Overview >** page
- You should see the attacks and statistics. Explore the sections



- In the Configuration Utility, open the **Security > Event Logs > DoS > Network > Events** page.

**Note:** You may need to refresh this page several times before the log files display.

- Sort the event by **Time** in descending order.

There are now log entries showing dropped packets.

- The DoS Source is **Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS.**
- The type is **ICMPv4 flood.**
- The action is **Drop.**
- On the Jumpbox Attacker shell slowly type **Ctrl + C** several times until back at the `scripts` prompt.

### Reset the Device-Level ICMPv4 Flood Settings

- In the Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page and click **Device Configuration.**
- In the **Flood** row click the **+** icon, and then click **ICMPv4 flood.**
- On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click **Update.**

<b>Detection Threshold PPS</b>	Infinite
<b>Rate/Leak Limit</b>	Infinite

### Task 3 – Configure Protected Object-Level IPv4 Flood DHD DoS Protection

**In this task you will configure object-level DoS IPv4 flood protection, and then issue an ICMPv4 flood and review the results.**

- On the Protect Objects page, in the Protected Objects section click **Create.**
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create.**

<b>Name</b>	ServerNet
<b>IP Address</b>	10.1.20.0/22
<b>Port</b>	*
<b>Protocol</b>	All Protocols
<b>Protection Settings: Action</b>	Log and Mitigate
<b>Protection Settings: DDoS Settings</b>	IPv4

- In the **IPv4** row click the **+** icon, and then click **ICMPv4 flood**.
- On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click **Create** at the bottom of the page.

<b>Detection Threshold PPS</b>	Specify: 1000
<b>Detection Threshold Percent</b>	Infinite
<b>Rate/Leak Limit</b>	Specify: 1000

- On the Jumpbox in the **Attacker A** PuTTY window re-run the following command:  

```
for i in {1..10}; do ./icmpflood.sh; done
```
- Examine the `tcpdump` window to see if there are any ICMP packets hitting the back-end server.
- Let the attack run for about 30 seconds before moving on.
- In the Configuration Utility, click **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration > ServerNet**, and then in the **IPv4** row click the **+** icon.

Vector	Detection Threshold PPS	Detection Threshold Percent	Rate Limit	Bad Actor	Current	1 min. Average	1 hr Average
<a href="#">Host Unreachable</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">ICMP Fragment</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">ICMPv4 flood</a>	1000	Infinite	1000	<input type="checkbox"/>	48310	36705	4

- Open the **Security > Event Logs > DoS > Network > Events** page.
- The DoS Source is **Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS**.
- The context column displays **/Common/ServerNet**, identifying this is protected object-level protection.
- The action is **Drop**.
- The difference between packets in per second and dropped packets is roughly 1000.
- On the Jumpbox slowly type **Ctrl + C** several times until back at the `scripts` prompt.
- In the BIG-IP PuTTY window type **Ctrl + C** to stop the `tcpdump`.

#### Task 4 – View the DoS Visibility Page

You can now use the new DoS Visibility page to view statistics about the DoS attacks you submitted during this exercise.

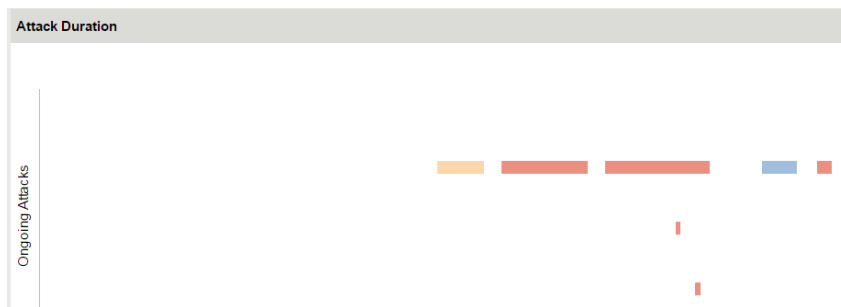
- Open the **Statistics > DoS Visibility** page.

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**Note:** It may take a couple of minutes for the correct data to display.

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- In the **Attack Duration** window there are several attacks.



- Mouse over several of the attacks to get additional details of each attack.
- Scroll down in the left-side of the page to view the **Attacks** section.
- You can see the number of high, moderate, and low attacks in addition to the types of attacks (HTTP, DNS, Network) and the severity levels.
- View the details at the bottom of the **Attacks** section.

Attack ID	Severity	Vector	Trigger	Application	Mitigation	Start Time	End Time	Duration	# IPs	# Blocked
1786277...	93	ICMPv4 f...	Volumetri...	/Common...	Blocked	Nov 04, 2...	Nov 04, 2...	5 minutes	23.78K	2.70M
990065059	91	Sweep at...	Volumetri...	/Common...	Blocked	Nov 04, 2...	Nov 04, 2...	a few sec...	4	11.57K
1129932332	89	Sweep at...	Volumetri...	/Common...	Blocked	Nov 04, 2...	Nov 04, 2...	a minute	1	1.45M
3806754...	87	UDP flood	Volumetri...	/Common...	Blocked	Nov 04, 2...	Nov 04, 2...	7 minutes	10	5.71M
2468343011	87	Sweep at...	Volumetri...	/Common...	Blocked	Nov 04, 2...	Nov 04, 2...	a few sec...	4	11.17K
9228478...	70	ICMPv4 f...	Volumetri...	/Common...	Blocked	Nov 04, 2...	Nov 04, 2...	2 minutes	4	5.22K

This table displays details of each attack that has occurred.

- Sort this table by **Vector**.

Attack ID	Severity	Vector	Trigger	Application
3806754...	87	UDP flood	Volumetri...	/Common/ServerNet

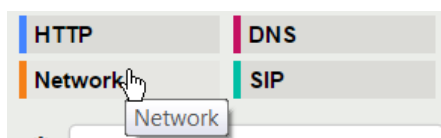
- Scroll down in the left-side of the page to view the **Virtual Servers** section.

You can see the details of device-wide attacks (**Device Level**) and protected object-level attacks (**/Common/ServerNet**).

- Scroll down in the left-side of the page to view the **Countries** section.
- View the details at the bottom of the **Countries** section.

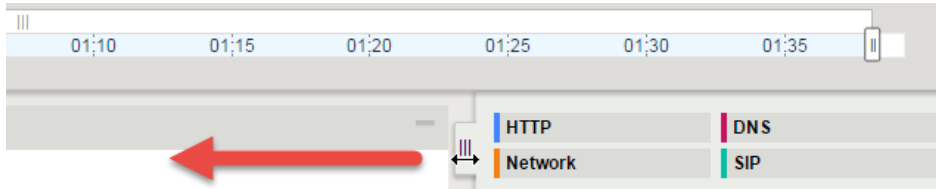
This table displays the attack details from each country.

- View the various widgets in the panel on the right-side of the page.
- Click **Network** to filter out only the network-level attacks (all the attacks so far have been network-level).



- If it's not already expanded, expand the **Virtual Servers** widget, and then select **/Common/ServerNet**.

- This filters the results to only attacks at this protected object-level. Notice the changes to the map on in the **Countries** section.
- Click **/Common/ServerNet** to remove the filter.
- Drag the resize handle on the right-side of the main window as far to the left as possible.



- Expand the **Vectors** widget, and then select **ICMPv4 flood**.
- Expand the **Client IP Addresses** widget.  
Question: How many client IP addresses contributed to this attack?
- Expand the **Countries** widget.
- Sort the countries by **Dropped Requests**.

Countries ^				
	Transac...	Dropped...	Allowed...	Total Re...
Unrecognized	0	5.44M	1.67M	7.12M
United States	0	1M	12.90K	1.01M
China	0	214.86K	2.87K	217.73K

- Select **China**, and then view the changes to both the **Client IP Addresses** widget and the map.
- At the top of the page open the **Analysis** page.

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**Note:** The requests are still filtered for the ICMPv4 flood results for China.

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- Drag the resize handle on the as far to the right as possible.
- Examine the Avg Throughput (Bits per second) graph.
- Place your mouse over the peak in the graph.  
Question: What is the **Average client in throughput** during the attack?
- Feel free to examine more of the **Dashboard** page and the **Analysis** page.

## 2.1.4 Lab 4 - Multi-vector Demo

In this simple demo you will launch a small number of network attacks and show the configuration, logging and reporting capabilities of the Hybrid Defender. The point of this demo is to provide context for a UI walkthrough with some live data.

### Task 1 - Access DoS Quick Configuration and display the ServerNet protected object

This protected object is defending all ports/protocols for 10.1.20.0/24, which is the network behind the Hybrid Defender. Attacks will be launched at 10.1.20.12, which is an interface on the LAMP server. Verify that the following vectors are configured:

IPv4			
Vector	Detection Threshold PPS	Detection Threshold Percent	Rate Limit
<a href="#">Host Unreachable</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">ICMP Fragment</a>	1000	500	2000
<a href="#">ICMPv4 flood</a>	1000	500	2000
<a href="#">IP Fragment Flood</a>	1000	500	2000
<a href="#">IP Option Frames</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TIDCMP</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TTL &lt;= &lt;tunable&gt;</a>	30000	500	Infinite

TCP			
Vector	Detection Threshold PPS	Detection Threshold Percent	Rate Limit
<a href="#">Option Present With Illegal Length</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP Bad URG</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP Half Open</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP Option Overruns TCP Header</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP PSH Flood</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP RST Flood</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP SYN ACK Flood</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP SYN Flood</a>	1000	500	2000
<a href="#">TCP SYN Oversize</a>	100	500	200
<a href="#">TCP Window Size</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">Unknown TCP Option Type</a>	30000	500	Infinite

Launch the attacks and show the behavior

- Open the following tabs in the DHD UI:
- **DoS Protection->Quick Configuration->ServerNet**
- **Security->DoS Protection->DoS Overview** (leave the filter at default: 'DoS Attack')
- **Statistics->DoS Visibility**
- Access the Attacker System CLI and run the attack

```
# cd ~/scripts
# sudo bash
# ./multivector.sh
```

- Click **Refresh** on the DoS Overview page. You will see some attacks mitigated by **Device Configuration** and some mitigated by the more specific settings on the **ServerNet Protected Object**.

Security » DoS Protection : DoS Overview

DoS Overview

DoS Profiles

Device Configuration

Eviction Policy List

Behavioral Signatures

Context Filter

Filter Type

DoS Attack

Auto Refresh

Disabled

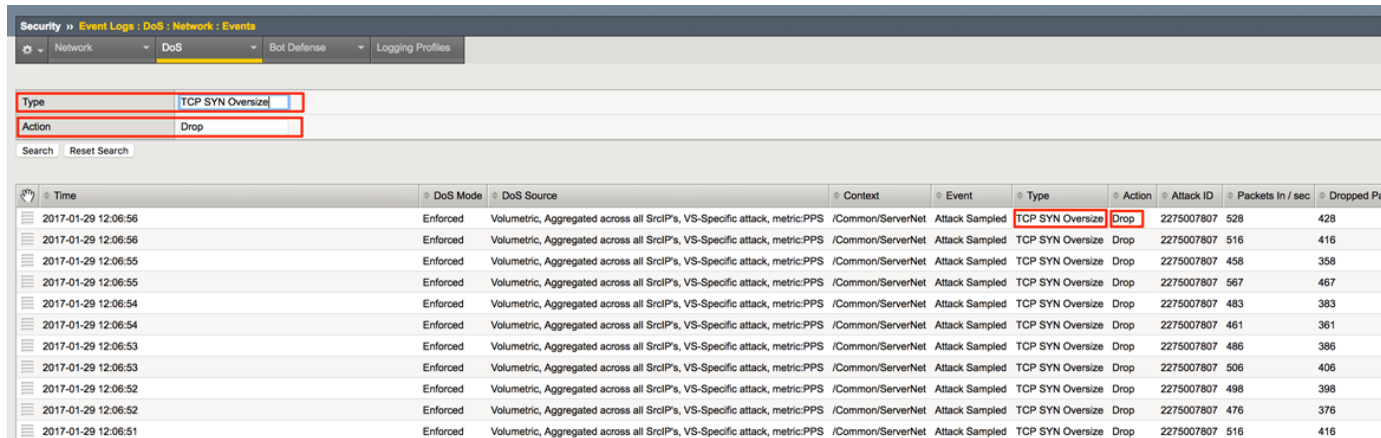
Refresh

Enter Vector Name

				Attack Status		Average Aggregate PPS			Dropped PPS		Detection Threshold PPS			Rate Limit Threshold PPS			
Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Virtual Server	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Current	5 min	1 hour	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Threshold Mode	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Detect Threshold %	Aggregate	Bad Actor
ServerNet	ICMPv4 flood	Enforced	NETWORK	ServerNet	Dropped	None	13384	6502	17	12384	0	Manual	1000	Infinite	500	2000	Infinite
dos-device-config	TCP bad ACK flood	Enforced	NETWORK	N/A	Dropped	None	11844	6071	0	11444	0	Manual	100	10	500	200	20
ServerNet	TCP SYN flood	Enforced	NETWORK	ServerNet	Dropped	None	24960	11944	40	22960	0	Manual	1000	Infinite	500	2000	Infinite
ServerNet	TCP SYN Oversize	Enforced	NETWORK	ServerNet	Dropped	None	1003	484	0	803	0	Manual	100	Infinite	500	200	Infinite
dos-device-config	TCP SYN Oversize	Enforced	NETWORK	N/A	Detected	None	10850	5569	124	0	0	Manual	1000	100	500	Infinite	1000

Navigate to **Security->Event Logs->DoS->Network->Events**.

- Click on “custom search. . .” link.
- Drag one of the values from the “Attack Type” column into the custom search builder. From the Action column, drag Drop into the search builder. Click “Search”.



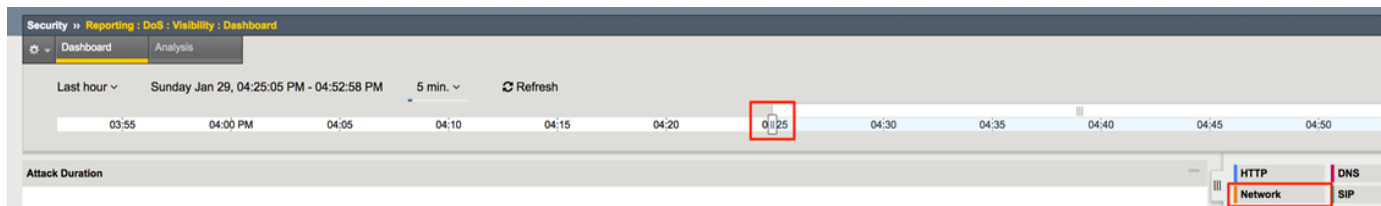
The screenshot shows the 'Security >> Event Logs : DoS : Network : Events' page. A custom search is applied with 'Type' set to 'TCP SYN Oversize' and 'Action' set to 'Drop'. The search results table is as follows:

Time	DoS Mode	DoS Source	Context	Event	Type	Action	Attack ID	Packets In / sec	Dropped P
2017-01-29 12:06:56	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS	/Common/ServerNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN Oversize	Drop	2275007807	528	428
2017-01-29 12:06:56	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS	/Common/ServerNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN Oversize	Drop	2275007807	516	416
2017-01-29 12:06:55	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS	/Common/ServerNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN Oversize	Drop	2275007807	458	358
2017-01-29 12:06:55	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS	/Common/ServerNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN Oversize	Drop	2275007807	567	467
2017-01-29 12:06:54	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS	/Common/ServerNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN Oversize	Drop	2275007807	483	383
2017-01-29 12:06:54	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS	/Common/ServerNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN Oversize	Drop	2275007807	461	361
2017-01-29 12:06:53	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS	/Common/ServerNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN Oversize	Drop	2275007807	486	386
2017-01-29 12:06:53	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS	/Common/ServerNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN Oversize	Drop	2275007807	506	406
2017-01-29 12:06:52	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS	/Common/ServerNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN Oversize	Drop	2275007807	498	398
2017-01-29 12:06:52	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS	/Common/ServerNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN Oversize	Drop	2275007807	476	376
2017-01-29 12:06:51	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS	/Common/ServerNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN Oversize	Drop	2275007807	516	416

- Further explore the DoS Event logs as needed for your demo. For example, clear the search and identify the “Stop” and “Start” times for an attack, etc.
- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, access the DoS Visibility reporting tool at **Statistics->DoS Visibility**.

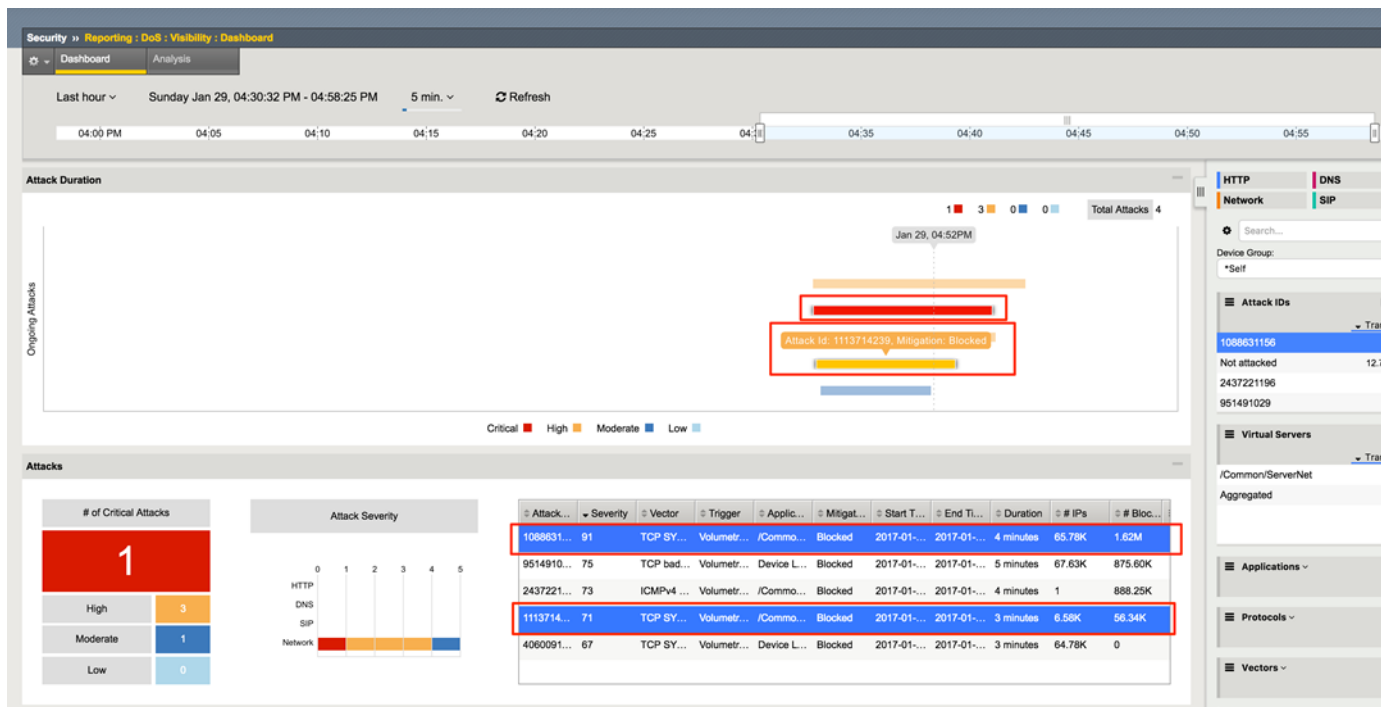
**Note:** DoS Visibility is a reporting tool, not a real-time monitoring tool. Events are displayed, much like other AVR-based reporting, in 5 minute windows. Do not expect events to be shown here immediately after running an attack. Be aware of this timing when doing a demo. Quicker/real-time monitoring of on-going DoS attacks is best accomplished in the DoS Event Logs and DoS Overview areas of the WebUI

- You should see the attacks in the timeline and a variety of details in the windows. Use the slider to shorten the timeframe if needed, and click the Network filter, to focus on L4 activities.



**Note:** that you can select events from the timeline and see details about the attacks





- Log in to Silverline at <https://portal.f5silverline.com>.
- Navigate to **Monitor and Analyze > Stats > Hybrid Device**. Locate your device and explore the interface.

## 2.1.5 Lab 5 - Bad Actor Detection Demo

In this demo you will run an attack from specific IP addresses. The Hybrid Defender will be configured to perform bad actor detection, limit the attack on a per-IP basis with more aggressive thresholds and then, based on this detection, automatically blacklist the offending IP address adding them to the (hardware-accelerated) dynamic blacklist

### Task 1 - Open the following tabs in the DHD UI:

- **DoS Protection->Quick Configuration->ServerNet**
- **Security->DoS Protection->DoS Overview** (leave filter at default: "DoS Attack")
- **Statistics->DoS Visibility**
- **Security->Event Logs->Network->IP Intelligence**

### Task 2 – Configure the following UDP Flood vectors for ServerNet:

- **DoS Protection->Quick Configuration->ServerNet**

DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » ServerNet

**Protected Object**

Name: ServerNet  
 IP Address / Mask: 10.1.20.0/24  
 Port: 0  
 Protocol: All Protocols  
 VLAN: Any  
 SSL: Enabled  
 Deployment Model: Traffic / Symmetric

**Capacity**

Connection Limit: Infinite  
 Maximum Bandwidth: Specify 200 Mbps  
 Enable External Redirection: ☒  
 Scrubbing Threshold: Percentage 90 % of 200 Mbps  
 Scrubbing: Silverline

**Protection Settings**

Action: Log And Mitigate  
 Silverline: ☒  
 Default Whitelist: No Address Selected  
 HTTP Whitelist: Use Default  
 Server Health: ☒  
 DDoS Settings: ☒ IPv4 ☐ IPv6 ☒ TCP ☒ UDP ☒ Sweep ☐ DNS ☐ SIP ☐ HTTP ☐ HTTPS ☐ L4 Behavioral

**UDP Flood**

Enforce

**UDP Flood**

Attack Vector

☐ Auto-Threshold Configuration  
☒ Manual Configuration

Detection Threshold PPS: Specify 1000  
 Detection Threshold Percent: Specify 500  
 Rate Limit: Specify 2000

☐ Simulate Auto Threshold

☒ Bad Actor Detection

Per Source IP Detection (PPS): Specify 100  
 Per Source IP Rate Limit (PPS): Specify 2000

☒ Blacklist Attacking Address

Blacklist Category: denial\_of\_service

Detection Time: 15 seconds  
 Duration: 120 seconds

☐ Allow Advertisement

**Current Device Statistics**

Vector	Detection Threshold PPS	Detection Threshold Percent	Rate Limit	Bad Actor	Current	1 min. Average	1 hr. Average
UDP Flood	1000	500	2000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0

- Access the Attacker system CLI and run the UDP flood attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# ./udp_flood.sh
```

From the menu, select '1' to start the attack

```
root@attacker-a:~/scripts# ./udp_flood.sh

1)Attack start
2)Attack end
3)Quit

# ?
```

**Note:** This attack is relatively short-lived. You can launch it again if the attack ends and you are not finished showing the various reports. Simply type '1' again, to re-run the attack

- In the Hybrid Defender UI, show the **Security > DoS > DoS Overview** page. Note the blocks by Bad Actor.

Security » DoS Protection » DoS Overview

DoS Overview | DoS Profiles | Device Configuration | Eviction Policy List | Behavioral Signatures

Context Filter

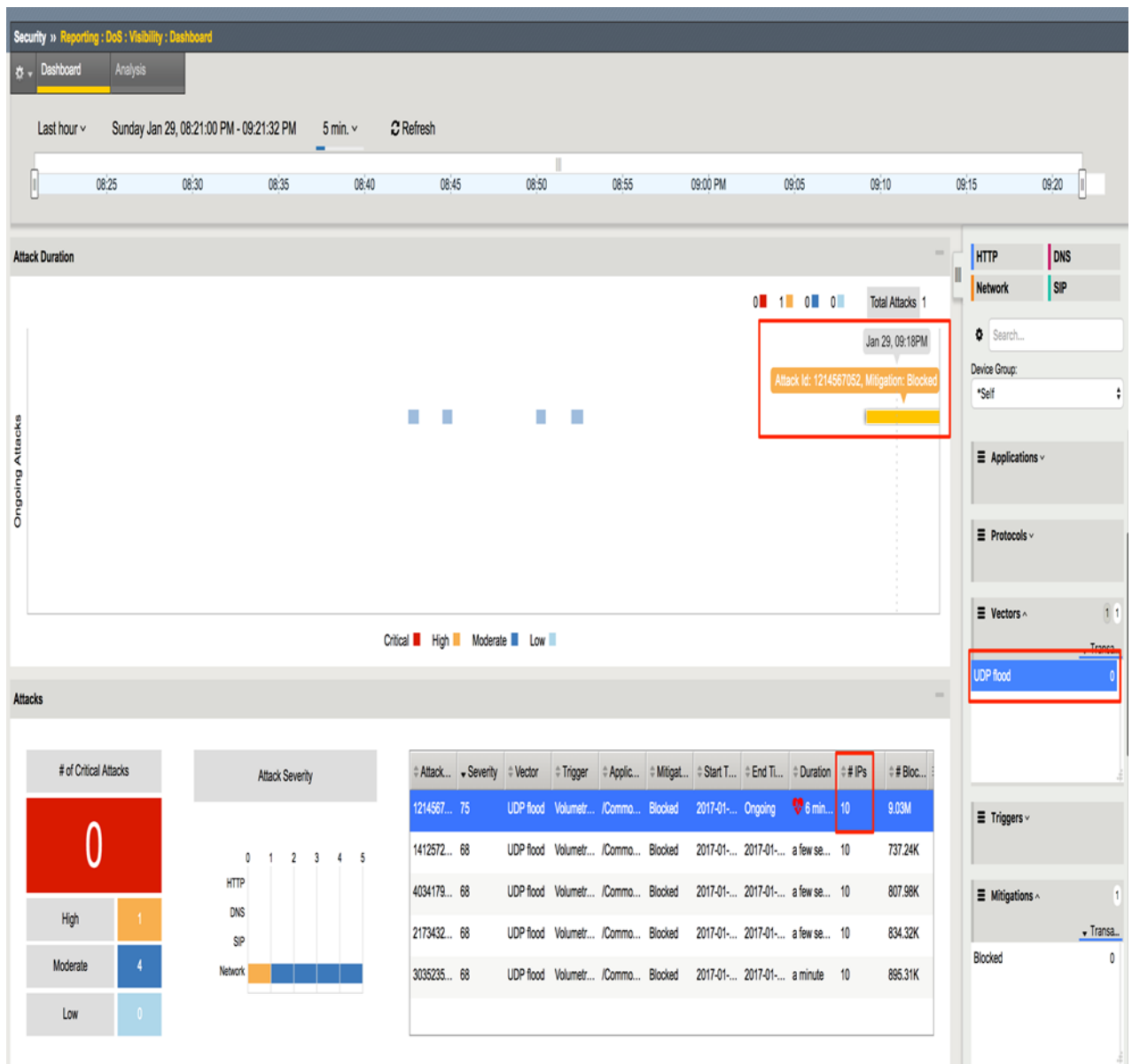
Filter Type: DoS Attack  
 Auto Refresh: Disabled | Refresh

Enter Vector Name		Attack Status		Average Aggregate PPS			Dropped PPS		Detection Threshold PPS			Rate Limit Threshold PPS	
Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Virtual Server	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Current	5 min	1 hour	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Aggregate	Bad Actor
ServerNet	UDP Flood	Enforced	NETWORK	ServerNet	None	Dropped	2000	546	0	5	33892	Manual	1000

- In the Hybrid Defender UI, show the **Security > Events > Network > IP Intelligence** Event Logs. Note the IP addresses that are being added to the denial\_of\_service blacklist.

Security > Event Logs > Network > IP Intelligence													
Network DoS Bot Defense Logging Profiles													
Last Hour Search Custom Search...													
Time	Context	Name	Policy Name	Source			Destination			Protocol	Black List Class	Event Type	Action
				Address	Port	VLAN	Address	Port	Route Domain				
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.224	52340	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.227	56432	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.227	56430	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.228	59458	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.228	59456	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.228	59454	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.228	59452	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.226	58204	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.226	58202	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.226	58200	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.226	58198	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.226	58196	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.226	58194	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop
2017-01-29 18:58:10	Global		/Common/App_Dos_IPI_Mitigate	10.1.17.226	58192	/Common/defaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service	custom_category	Drop

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, show the **Statistics > DoS Visibility**. Expand the Vectors inspector and select UDP Flood. When it updates, select a flood from the timeline. Note in the Attacks panel the #IPs blocked is 10.



From the menu, select '2' to end the attack

or

```
# sudo bash
# killall -9 hping3
```

## 2.1.6 Lab 6 - Auto-threshold demo

This demo will simulate a newly configured **Protected Object** where the security administrator is unsure what values to assign to a few common vectors. Note that auto-thresholding is useful at both the **Device** and **Protected Object** levels.

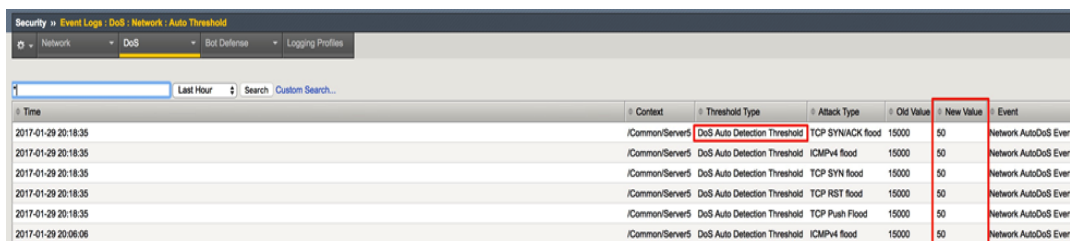
In the interest of having a repeatable demo in an environment where many different types of traffic are executed, we are focusing on the per-VS/per-PO auto-thresholding

**Note:** This demo may place significant stress on the demo environment. Due to the virtual environment limitations, this may make the DHD UI less responsive. This is unavoidable since for auto-thresholding to block the attack, the attack must be damaging enough to cause stress, which will push the CPU on the VE very high. Remember this is a virtual environment under high stress and that the Hybrid Defender appliances mitigate these attacks in dedicated hardware.

- Open the following tabs in the Hybrid Defender WebUI:
- **DoS Protection->Quick Configuration**
- **Security->DoS Protection->DoS Overview** (set filter to Virtual Server->Server5)
- **Security->Event Logs->DoS->Network->Auto Threshold**
- **Statistics->DoS Visibility**
- On the Good Client, if you have not already done so, start the network baselining

```
# cd ~/scripts
# sudo bash
# ./baseline\_l4.sh
```

- 3. In the Hybrid Defender UI, in **Quick Configuration**, select the Server5 Protected Object and verify that the IP and TCP vectors are all at default thresholds with auto-threshold disabled

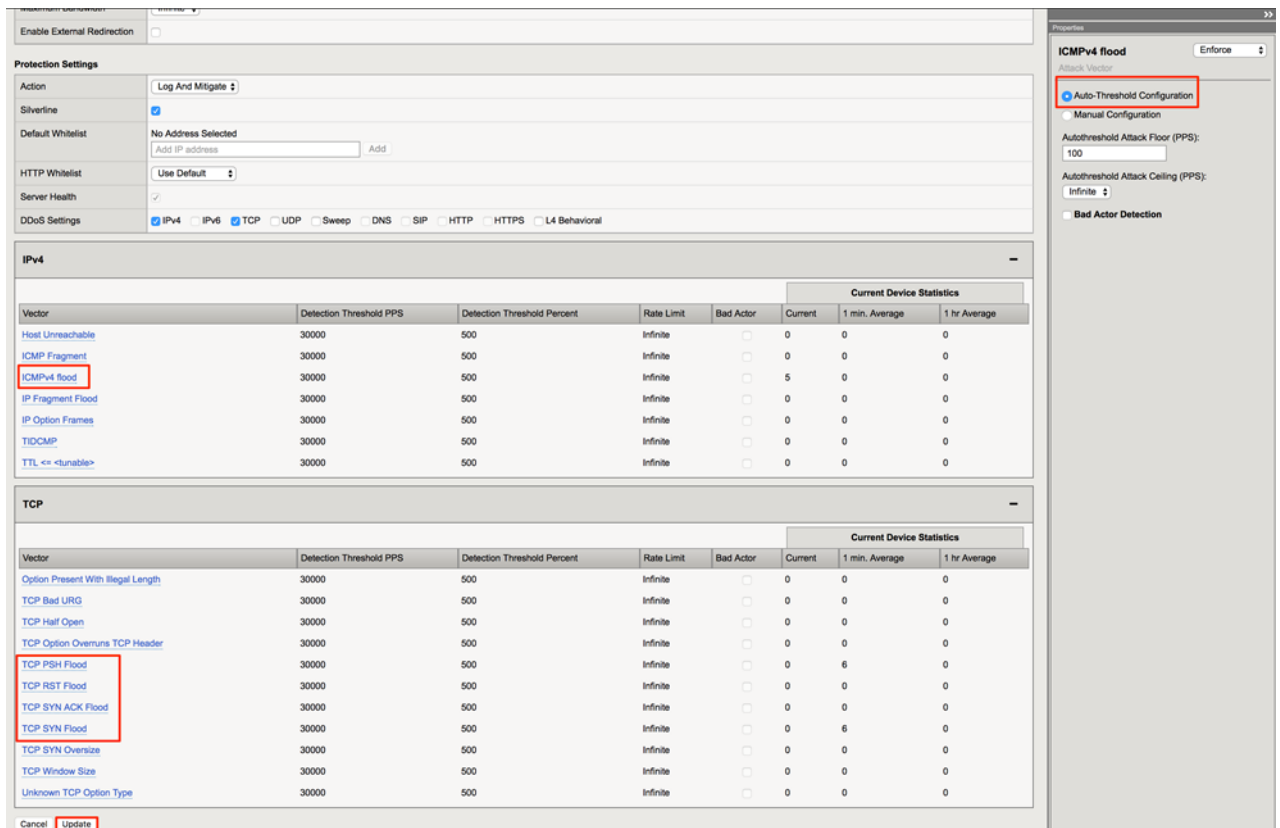


Time	Context	Threshold Type	Attack Type	Old Value	New Value	Event
2017-01-29 20:18:35	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto Detection Threshold	TCP SYN/ACK flood	15000	50	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:18:35	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto Detection Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	15000	50	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:18:35	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto Detection Threshold	TCP SYN flood	15000	50	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:18:35	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto Detection Threshold	TCP RST flood	15000	50	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:18:35	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto Detection Threshold	TCP Push Flood	15000	50	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:06:06	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto Detection Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	15000	50	Network AutoDoS Event

- In the Hybrid Defender CLI, restart auto-thresholding

```
# cd ~/scripts
# ./autothreshold-reset.sh
```

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, in the Server5 Protected Object configuration, enable auto- threshold- ing for the following vectors: **ICMPv4 Flood**, **TCP SYN Flood**, **TCP Push Flood**, **TCP RST Flood**, **TCP SYN ACK Flood** by selecting each vector and clicking the Auto- Threshold Configuration radio button. When all vectors are configured, click **Update** at the bottom of the screen



- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, show the Auto Threshold event log (**Security->Event Logs->Dos->Network->Auto Threshold**).

Time	Context	Threshold Type	Attack Type	Old Value	New Value	Event
2017-01-29 20:18:35	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto Detection Threshold	TCP SYN/ACK flood	15000	50	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:18:35	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto Detection Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	15000	50	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:18:35	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto Detection Threshold	TCP SYN flood	15000	50	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:18:35	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto Detection Threshold	TCP RST flood	15000	50	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:18:35	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto Detection Threshold	TCP Push Flood	15000	50	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:06:06	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto Detection Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	15000	50	Network AutoDoS Event

The system is updating the detection thresholds. With auto-thresholding, the system adjusts the detection thresholds based on observed traffic patterns. However, mitigation rate limits are always dynamic based on detected system or protected object stress. If anomalous levels of traffic are running, but there is no stress, the Hybrid Defender will generate alerts but will not block traffic. Under stress, the rate limits are automatically created and adjusted dynamically

- Let's create some stress with a SYN Flood attack. In the Attacker CLI start the auto- threshold SYN flood

```
# cd ~/scripts
# sudo bash
# ./autot\ flood.sh
```

This is a long duration attack. You can terminate it with ctrl-C when finished.

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, show the Auto Threshold event log. Now you will see that Rate limits are being automatically set and adjusted to mitigate the flood attack

Security > Event Logs : DoS : Network : Auto Threshold

Network

DoS

Bot Defense

Logging Profiles

Last Hour

Search Custom Search...

Time	Context	Threshold Type	Attack Type	Old Value	New Value	Event
2017-01-29 20:30:26	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP Push Flood	63168	21223	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:26	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	63168	21223	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:26	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP RST flood	63168	21223	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:26	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN/ACK flood	63168	21223	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:26	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN flood	63168	21223	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:26	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP Push Flood	16186	59556	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:26	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	16186	59556	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:26	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP RST flood	16186	59556	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:26	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN/ACK flood	16186	59556	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:26	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN flood	16186	59556	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:25	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP Push Flood	79473	63168	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:25	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	79473	63168	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:25	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP RST flood	79473	63168	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:25	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN/ACK flood	79473	63168	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:25	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN flood	79473	63168	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:25	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP Push Flood	9840	16186	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:25	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	9840	16186	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:25	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP RST flood	9840	16186	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:25	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN/ACK flood	9840	16186	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-01-29 20:30:25	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN flood	9840	16186	Network AutoDoS Event

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, show the **Security > DoS > DoS Overview** page. Note that the SYN Flood attack is being mitigated and the rate limit thresholds for each of the auto-threshold vectors have been adjusted based on stress, including vectors that are not detecting or blocking an attack

Security > DoS Protection : DoS Overview

Context Filter

Filter Type

Virtual Server (DoS protected) Servers

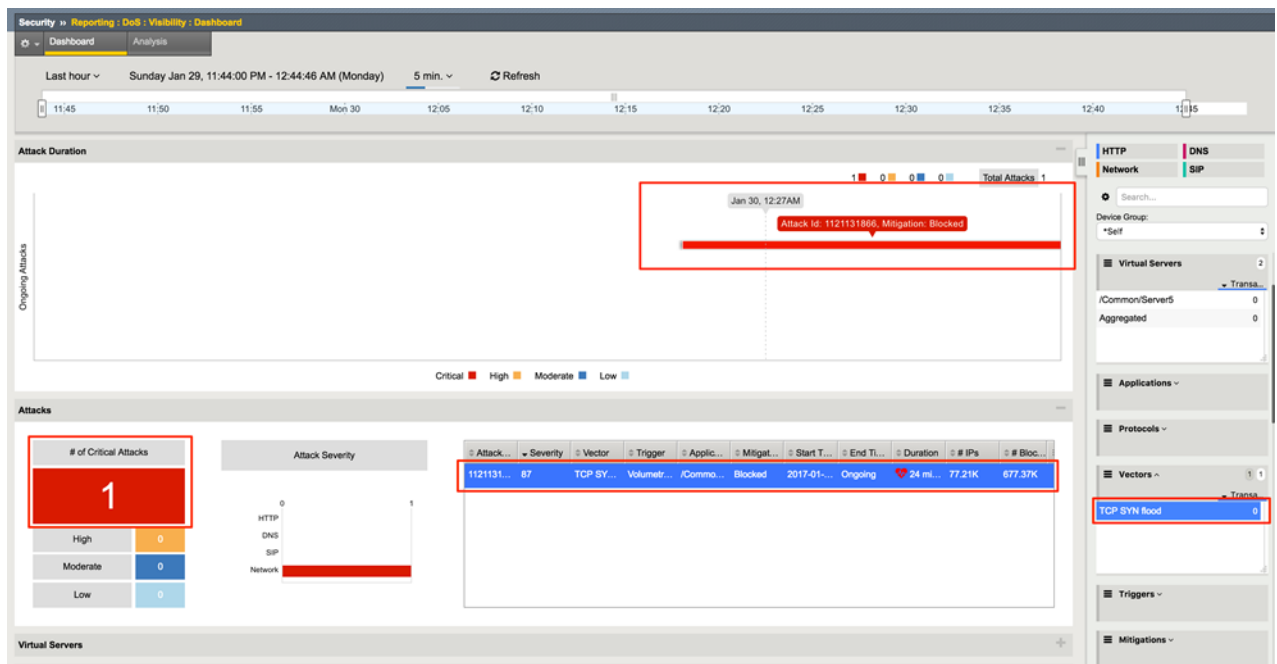
Auto Refresh

Disabled Refresh

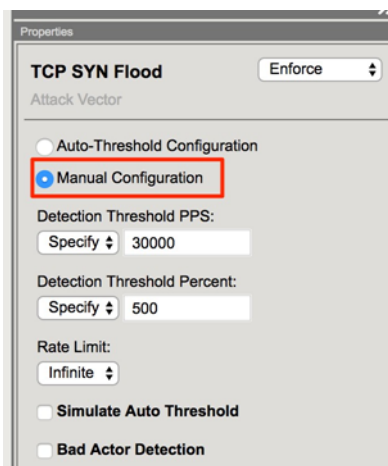
Enter Vector Name

Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Attack Status		Average Aggregate PPS			Dropped PPS		Threshold Mode	Detection Threshold PPS			Rate Limit Threshold PPS	
				Aggregate	Bad Actor	Current	5 min	1 hour	Aggregate	Bad Actor		Aggregate	Bad Actor	Detect Threshold %	Aggregate	Bad Actor
Servers	Host unreachable	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Servers	ICMP fragmented	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Servers	ICMPv4 flood	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	2	0	0	0	0	Auto	50	Infinite	N/A	5348 - 15112	Infinite
Servers	IP fragment flood	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Servers	IP option frames	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Servers	Low TTL	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Servers	TCP bad URG	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Servers	TCP half open	Enforced	NETWORK	Detected	None	222596	16121	12	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Servers	TCP option overruns TCP header	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Servers	TCP Option present with illegal length	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Servers	TCP Push Flood	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	3	5	0	0	0	Auto	50	Infinite	N/A	5348 - 15112	Infinite
Servers	TCP RST flood	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Auto	50	Infinite	N/A	5348 - 15112	Infinite
Servers	TCP SYN flood	Enforced	NETWORK	Dropped	None	57113	5214	0	3376	0	Auto	50	Infinite	N/A	5348 - 15112	Infinite
Servers	TCP SYN Oversize	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Servers	TCP SYN/ACK flood	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Auto	50	Infinite	N/A	5348 - 15112	Infinite
Servers	TCP window size	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Servers	TIDCMP attack	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Servers	Unknown TCP option type	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite

- Terminate the attack in the Attacker CLI with ctrl-C
- After the attack has ended, in the Hybrid Defender WebUI, show the **DoS Visibility** page. Under **Vectors**, select **TCP SYN Flood**. Identify the Critical attack and show the details



- Clean-up. On the Attacker CLI, if the attack is still running be certain to end it with ctrl-C.
- Clean-up. For repeatability, it is necessary to disable the auto-thresholding for the ICMPv4 Flood, TCP RST Flood, TCP Push Flood, TCP SYN ACK Flood and TCP SYN Flood vectors on the Server5 protected object



- Clean-up. After disabling auto-thresholding, clear the learning on the Hybrid Defender CLI with

```
# cd ~/scripts
# ./autothreshold-reset.sh
```

## 2.1.7 Learn More

### \*F5 DDoS Education\*

Web based training and product information

- Product Training <https://university.f5.com/>



- [DDoS Protection Reference Architecture](#)
- [DDoS Protection Recommended Best Practices](#)
- **\*F5 DDoS Hybrid Defender overview and user guide\***

**\*Silverline DDoS Education \***

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## Class2: Intermediate DDoS Protection

This class covers the following topics:

- Topics here

### 3.1 DDoS Hybrid Defender Setup

In this module you will learn how to complete the initial setup of F5 Networks DDoS Hybrid Defender

#### 3.1.1 Lab 1 – DDoS Hybrid Defender Setup

##### Task 1 – BIG-IP Herculon Hybrid Defender Licensing and Provisioning

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**Note:** When you first power up a F5 DHD device you would go through the steps of Licensing and Provisioning. We have assigned the management IP, hostname, NTP and DNS servers. You will be re-activating the license using a new license key.

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**Note:** For Silverline device registration to function properly there must be some specific considerations. The BIG-IP system must have a unique device ID, which is comprised of attributes like Base MAC and registration key. Hence we are re-licensing the device as all student instances are spun up using the same license.

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Use a web browser (Chrome in incognito mode) to log into the WebUI of your DHD at <https://10.1.1.245> . or use the bookmarked shortcut. Accept the SSL warning and proceed to connect.

- Username : admin
- Password : f5DEMOs4u
- Click **System>>License** and Click Re-activate

System » License

Summary Resource Provisioning

### General Properties

License Type	Evaluation
Licensed Date	Jun 4, 2017
License Expiration Date	Jul 5, 2017
Active Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DDOS Hybrid Defender, VE-3G (HGNHOMI-YKCSXHQ)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max Compression, VE</li> <li>SSL, VE</li> <li>Routing Bundle</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Optional Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IPI Subscription, 1Yr, VE-3G</li> <li>IPI Subscription, 3Yr, VE-3G</li> </ul>
Inactive Modules	

**Re-activate...**

- Click **Edit** button, replace the existing key by entering your student license key. Select the “Manual” radio button and Click Next.

System » License » Re-activate...

Summary

### General Properties

Base Registration Key: XSCPQ-KIGWA-OZXK-JEMKB-NEMXOMB **Edit...**

Add-On Key:  **Add**

Add-On Registration Key List: HGNHOMI-YKCSXHQ

**Edit** **Delete**

Activation Method: ☐ Automatic (requires outbound connectivity) ☒ **Manual**

License Comparison: ☐ Enable License Comparison

- Select all in the Dossier frame and copy. Click on “Click here to access F5 Licensing Server”

System » License » Re-activate...

Summary

### General Properties

Registration Key: MLADZ-VRZTZ-XPCGO-UKGHO-LEBEDVA

Registration Key List

Manual Method: ☒ Copy/Paste Text ☐ Download/Upload File

Step 1: Dossier

☒ Copy/Paste Text ☐ Download/Upload File

Step 2: Licensing Server

[Click here to access F5 Licensing Server](#)

Step 3: License

- You will be taken to the F5 Activation Site. Enter your Dossier that you copied in the step above and click next. Accept User Legal Agreement - Check box to agree to terms of license and click next.

## Activate F5 Product

Use this license activation page for current F5 products.

If you are attempting to activate a license for BIG-IP V4.x or iSMAN, please click [here](#).

To activate your product you will need your product dossier.

### Enter Your Dossier

```
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dded1f29495ef10ea9674b7dc1a7739020631465926a827e52bb6
```

or

### Select Your Dossier File

No file chosen

- Select Everything the License frame and copy it.

Cut and paste your license key from the form below, or click the download button to download file.

Download license

```
#
Auth vers :          5b
#
#
# BIG-IP System License Key File
# DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE!!
#
# Install this file as "/config/bigip.license".
#
# Contact information in file /CONTACTS
#
#
# Warning: Changing the system time while this system is running
# with a time-limited license may make the system unusable.
#
Usage :              Evaluation
#
# Only the specific use referenced above is allowed. Any other uses are
# prohibited.
#
Vendor :            FS Networks, Inc.
#
# Module List
#
active module :      DDOS Hybrid Defender, VE-3G|YGVITNEU-VQOQXGSY|Max
Compression, VE|SSL, VE|Routing Bundle
optional module :    IPI Subscription, 1Yr, VE-3G
optional module :    IPI Subscription, 3Yr, VE-3G
#
# Accumulated Tokens for Module
# SSL, VE perf SSL Mbps 1 key YGVITNEU-VQOQXGSY
#
perf SSL Mbps :      1
#
# Accumulated Tokens for Module
# DDOS Hybrid Defender, VE-3G perf VE throughput Mbps 3000 key YGVITNEU-
# VQOQXGSY
#
perf VE throughput Mbps : 3000
#
# License Tokens for Module DDOS Hybrid Defender, VE-3G key YGVITNEU-
# VQOQXGSY
#
Web Interface :      Strongbox
perf VE cores :      8
mod_1lx :            enabled
mod_dos :            enabled
#
# Evaluation Platform : 3100
```

- Go back to your F5 DHD management and paste the contents copied from above into Step 3: License and Click Next.

System - License - File activation...

Summary

General Properties

Registration Key: MLADZ-VRITZ-XP000-UK06-LESEDA

Manual Method: ☒ Copy/Paste ☐ Download/Upload File

Step 1: Dossier

Step 2: Licensing Server

Click here to access F5 Licensing Server

Step 3: License

Outbound License Authorization Signature

Authorization: 96095db27718922b07227741f1e56a573cc6321e4556c1a4909e074e998d1c0776c31c8f8159901ae74792335949ad8dbd345e260c057cd4e58ac70a160d619e14efee19d5b00496557c46de5310c6331

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Cancel Next

- The bigip will restart daemons and a window will pop up indicating system configuration has changed. Please wait for it to reconnect and click Continue. Your device is now licensed. Click Next.

System » **License**

Summary Resource Provisioning

**General Properties**

License Type	Evaluation
Licensed Date	Jun 7, 2017
License Expiration Date	Jul 8, 2017
Active Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DDOS Hybrid Defender, VE-3G (YGVTEU-VOQXG5Y) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max Compression, VE</li> <li>SSL, VE</li> <li>Routing Bundle</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Optional Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IPI Subscription, 1Yr, VE-3G</li> <li>IPI Subscription, 3Yr, VE-3G</li> </ul>
Inactive Modules	

Re-activate... Next...

- On the Resource Provisioning page validate that Management and DDOS Protection are provisioned.
- Click Submit once.

System » **Resource Provisioning**

Configuration License

**Current Resource Allocation**

CPU	MGMT TMM(89%)
Disk (97GB)	MGMT
Memory (31.4GB)	MGMT TMM

Module	Provisioning	License Status
Management (MGMT)	Large	N/A
Carrier Grade NAT (CGNAT)	Disabled	Unlicensed
Local Traffic (LTM)	None	Unlicensed
Application Security (ASM)	None	Unlicensed
Fraud Protection Service (FPS)	None	N/A
Global Traffic (DNS)	None	Unlicensed
Link Controller (LC)	None	Unlicensed
Access Policy (APM)	None	Limited mode available without a license
Application Visibility and Reporting (AVR)	None	Licensed
Policy Enforcement (PEM)	None	Unlicensed
Advanced Firewall (AFM)	None	Unlicensed
Application Acceleration Manager (AAM)	None	Unlicensed
Secure Web Gateway (SWG)	None	Unlicensed
iRules Language Extensions (iRulesLX)	None	Licensed
URLDB Minimal (URLDB)	None	Unlicensed
DDOS Protection (DOS)	Nominal	Licensed

Back Revert Submit

**Note:** The above task ensures that you are using a purpose built DDoS Hybrid Defender. If you are familiar with other F5 Modules/Technology that you have used in the past, you will notice that we have none of those provisioned.

## Task 2 – BIG-IP Herculon Hybrid Defender Initial Setup

- Click **System>>Platform**
- Change the hostname to **<yourfirstinitiallastname>.hybriddefender.f5agility.com**. For example, John Smith would register as **jsmith.hybriddefender.f5agility.com**. This is needed so that we can register your DHD to Silverline and uniquely identify it. Click Update.

System >> Platform

Configuration Security

**General Properties**

Management Port Configuration: ☐ Automatic (DHCP) ☒ Manual

Management Port: IP Address/prefix: 10.1.1.245, Network Mask: 255.255.255.0, Management Route: 10.1.1.1

Host Name: nmistry.hybriddefender.f5agility.com

Host IP Address: Use Management Port IP Address

Time Zone: America/Los Angeles

**Redundant Device Properties**

Root Folder Device Group: None

Root Folder Traffic Group: traffic-group-1

**User Administration**

Root Account: ☐ Disable login, Password: [redacted], Confirm: [redacted]

Admin Account: Password: [redacted], Confirm: [redacted]

SSH Access: ☒ Enabled

SSH IP Allow: All Addresses

Update

- Click **Device Management>>Devices** select the device and then click “Change Device Name...”. Update the device name to match the hostname you have chosen and click Update

Device Management >> Devices >> hybriddefender.f5demo.com

Properties ConfigSync Failover Network Mirroring

**Change Device Name**

New Name: nmistry.hybriddefender.f5agility.com Generate

Certificate Signing Authority: Retain Current Authority

Update Cancel

- Use Putty Shortcut to ssh to the F5 DHD and login as: root password: f5DEMOs4u



- From the Hybrid Defender shell, restart services with:

# bigstart restart



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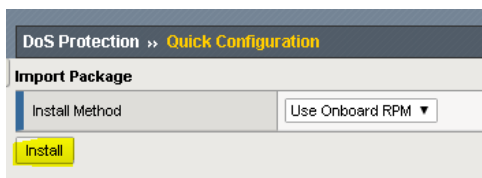
**Note:** Be patient as services are restarting. The DHD will change state to INOPERATIVE and then to Active. You can check in the ssh window when the prompt changes.

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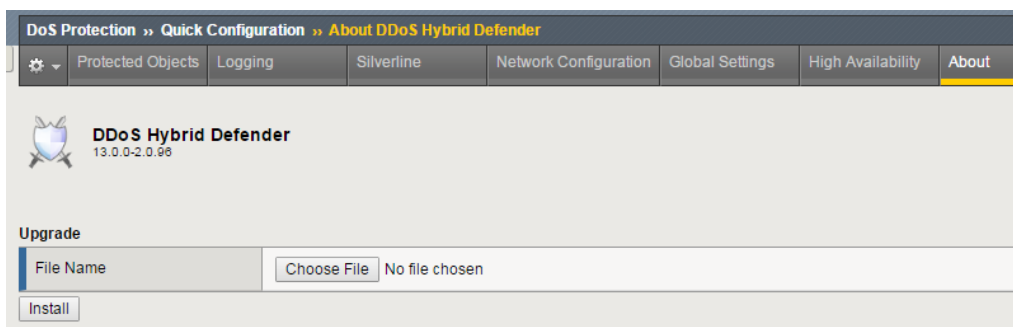
- Click **System>>Configuration>>Device>>NTP** and review that NTP server is configured
- Click **System>>Configuration>>Device>>DNS** and review that DNS server lookup is configured

## DDoS Hybrid Defender Configuration

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection>>Quick Configuration** page. Click Install. This installs the onboard package for quick configuration of DDoS Hybrid Defense



- Once the installation is completed. Open the **About** page.
- This page displays the current version of DDoS Hybrid Defender (DHD). You use this page to install and update the iApp LX version for DHD.



The System is installed with the latest version of the iApp LX. The below steps are for future reference on how to obtain the latest iApp LX and use the above step to install. Do not download and install during the Agility labs.

- Newer versions of iApp LX packages are made available on the **F5 downloads** site under Security>>DDoS Hybrid Defender.

Security	<a href="#">Security_v13.x / Virtual Edition</a>
	<a href="#">Security_v12.x / Virtual Edition</a>
	<a href="#">DDoS Hybrid Defender</a>

## Select a Download

Product: DDoS Hybrid Defender

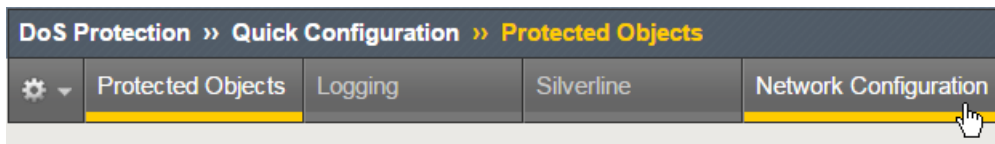
Version: 13.0.0

Container: DDoS\_Hybrid\_Defender

Please select the file you wish to download, make sure you have read the appropriate [Release Notes](#) before attempting to use the file.

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f5-ddos-hybrid-defender-13.0.0-2.0.96.noarch.rpm.md5	MD5 file for f5-ddos-hybrid-defender-13.0.0-2.0.96.noarch	82 Bytes

- Open the **Network Configuration** page



- In the **Default Network** section click **defaultVLAN**.
- Configure the VLANs using following information, and then click Done Editing. Make sure to Click “Add”

Internal: VLAN Tag	20
Internal: Interfaces	1.2 (Untagged checked) (Click Add)
Internal: IP Address / Mask	10.1.20.240/21
External: VLAN Tag	10
External: Interfaces	1.1 (Untagged checked) (Click Add)

The screenshot shows the 'DoS Protection >> Quick Configuration >> Network Configuration' interface. The 'Network Configuration' tab is highlighted. Below the tabs, there is a 'Default Network' section with a table for configuring VLANs. The table has columns for 'VLAN Group', 'Network', 'VLAN Tag', 'Interfaces', and 'IP Address / Mask (Port Lockdown)'. The 'defaultVLAN' group is shown with 'Internal' and 'External' networks. The 'Internal' network has a VLAN Tag of 20 and interfaces 1.2 (Untagged checked) and 1.2 (Untagged). The 'External' network has a VLAN Tag of 10 and interfaces 1.1 (Untagged checked) and 1.1 (Untagged). There are 'Done Editing' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom left. Below the table, there is a summary table for the 'Default Network'.

VLAN Group	Network	VLAN Tag	Interfaces	IP Address / Mask (Port Lockdown)
defaultVLAN	Internal	20	1.2 (Untagged checked) 1.2 (Untagged)	10.1.20.240/21 Allow None
	External	10	1.1 (Untagged checked) 1.1 (Untagged)	Floating IP Allow None

Done Editing Cancel

VLAN Group	Network	VLAN Tag	Interfaces	IP Address / Mask (Port Lockdown)
defaultVLAN	Internal	20	1.2 (Untagged)	10.1.20.240/21(Allow None)
	External	10	1.1 (Untagged)	

- Click **UPDATE**.
- Open the **Network>>VLANs>>VLAN Groups** page and click **defaultVLAN**.

A transparent L2 configuration consistent with recommended practices for most deployments was automatically created.

- Open the **Network >> DNS Resolvers >> DNS Resolver list** page and click Create.

- Enter **default\_DNS\_resolver** for the name and then click Finished.

A DNS resolver is required by bot signatures to allow for proper detection of benign search engines such as Google and Bing. This is a workaround and its setup is planned to be added to the Quick Configuration, it's not included in the version accompanying the installed release for the labs.

- In the BIG-IP putty ssh window verify DNS by typing (or copying and pasting) the following:

```
nslookup api.f5silverline.com
```

```
[root@nmistry:Active:Standalone] config # nslookup api.f5silverline.com
Server:      8.8.8.8
Address:     8.8.8.8#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:   api.f5silverline.com
Address: 107.162.128.7

[root@nmistry:Active:Standalone] config #
```

- Type the following to verify the correct date setting:

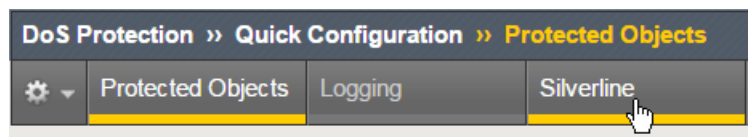
```
date
```

- Do this step only if the BIG-IP system date is not accurate, correct it using the following commands:

```
bigstart stop ntpd
ntpdate pool.ntp.org
bigstart start ntpd
```

## Configure Silverline Signaling

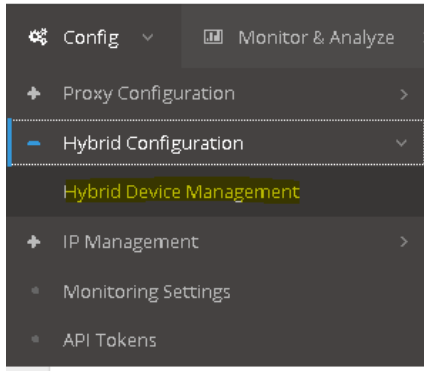
- Use a Firefox web browser and access **https://portal.f5silverline.com**.
- Log in as **dhd2017us@f5agility.com** / **HybridDefense!Wins!**
- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection >>Quick Configuration** page.
- Open the **Silverline** page in Dos Protection>>Quick Configuration



- Configure using following information, and then click Update. **Make sure to use all lowercase for username.**

Username	dhd2017us@f5agility.com
Password	HybridDefense!Wins!
Service Address	https://api.f5silverline.com

- In the Silverline portal browser page, open the **Config>>Hybrid Configuration>>Hybrid Device Management** page.



- Locate your DHD device (<yourfirstinitiallastname>.hybriddefender.f5agility.com) and click Approve for ALL instances of YOUR device

nmisrory.hybriddefender.f5agility.com	2c1226d1163712-564dadcc-a795-99fc-24afead600c3	BIG-IP	2017-06-04 18:07 (UTC)	hostname:nmisrory.hybriddefender.f5agility.com, kapp_instances:silverline-connector, silverline_connector	Approve	Suppress	✖
nmisrory.hybriddefender.f5agility.com	2C-C226D1637C2-MLADZ-VRTZ2-VPCGO-UKGN-LE5EDXA	Hercules DHD	2017-06-07 14:49 (UTC)	hostname:nmisrory.hybriddefender.f5agility.com, kapp_instances:pbos, silverline_connector	Disable	Suppress	✖

## Configure DHD Device Bandwidth Thresholds

- On the DHD WebUI go to **DoS Protection>>Quick Configuration**. In the Configuration Utility, open the **Protected Objects** page.
- In the **Network Protection** section click Create.
- Configure using following information, and then click **Save**.

Maximum Bandwidth: Specify	500
Scrubbing Threshold: Type	Percentage
Scrubbing Threshold: Value	75
Advertisement Method	Silverline
Scrubber Details: Type	Advertise All

This completes the initial setup for BIG-IP DDoS Hybrid Defender including registration with Silverline.

## 3.1.2 Lab 2 – Start Baseline Traffic Generation

### Task 1 – Create Protected Objects that the baseline traffic will be targeting

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection>>Quick Configuration** page and in the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

Name	Server5
IP Address	10.1.20.15
Port	*
Protocol	All Protocols
VLAN	Any
Protection Settings: Action	Log and Mitigate
Protection Settings: Silverline	Yes (selected)
Protection Settings: DDoS Settings	IPv4, TCP,

DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » Create Protected Object

**Protected Object**

Name	Server5
IP Address / Mask	10.1.20.15
Port	*
Protocol	All Protocols
VLAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any
SSL	<input type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Deployment Model	Traffic : Symmetric

**Capacity**

Connection Limit	Infinite
Maximum Bandwidth	Infinite
Enable External Redirection	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Protection Settings**

Action	Log And Mitigate
Silverline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Default Whitelist	No Address Selected Add IP address <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add"/>
HTTP Whitelist	Use Default
DDoS Settings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IPv4 <input type="checkbox"/> IPv6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TCP <input type="checkbox"/> UDP <input type="checkbox"/> Sweep <input type="checkbox"/> DNS <input type="checkbox"/> SIP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTPS <input type="checkbox"/> L4 Behavioral

**IPv4**

**TCP**

- This protected object will be used for Auto-Threshold

Protected Objects						Protected Object			Create
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Deployment Model	DDoS Configurations	Action	Silverline	IP Address	Port	Protocol	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Server5	Symmetric	IPv4, TCP	Log And Mitigate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10.1.20.15	Any	ANY	

## Task 2 – Run Scripts to start L4 traffic generation – Good Traffic

- Putty SSH (use the shortcut) to open a shell to the good client system.
- Login as user : ubuntu. The session is preconfigured to authenticate with a certificate.
- Start the auto-threshold baselining script with:

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# ./baseline_l4.sh
```

**Note:** Ignore the “sudo: unable to resolve host xjumpbox” when you issue the sudo bash command throughout the labs.

### 3.1.3 Lab 3 – Configuring Network Attack Protection

#### Task 1 – Disable Device-Level DHD DoS Protection

Disable device-level DoS flood protection, and then issue an ICMPv4 flood and review the results.

- Ssh (putty) into the BIG-IP DHD using the shortcut provided. Resize the BIG-IP putty ssh window by making it wider.
- At the **config** prompt, type (or copy and paste) the following command:

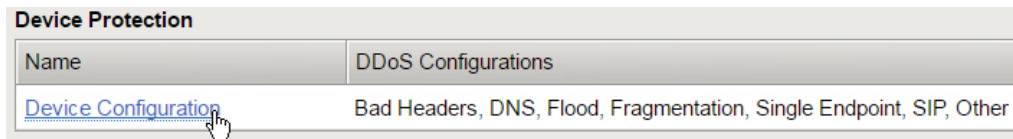
```
tcpdump -i 0.0 host 10.1.20.12
```

- Open a second putty window and ssh to the Attacker (use shortcut on the desktop) and log in as **ubuntu**. It will authenticate using the ssh key provided automatically.
- At the **attacker config** prompt, type (or copy and paste) the following command:

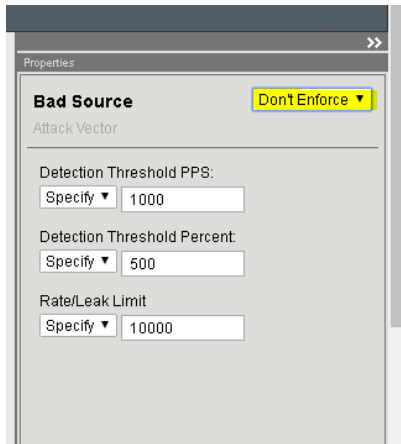
```
ping 10.1.20.12
```

The attacker can successfully communicate with a back-end resource behind the BIG-IP DHD

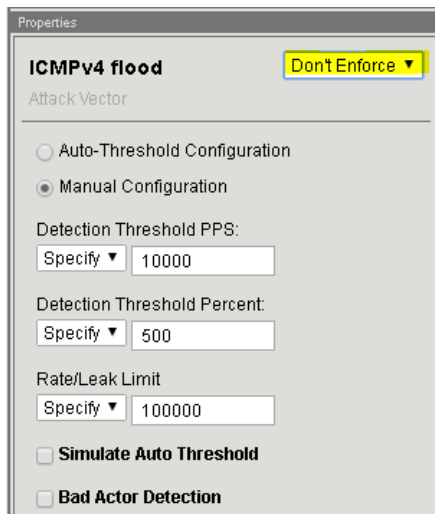
- Examine the tcpdump window and verify ICMP packets are flowing through the BIG-IP DHD.
- Cancel the ping command (**Ctrl+C**), then verify the **tcpdump** stops receiving ICMP packets, and then press **Enter** several times to clear the recent log entries.
- In the Configuration Utility, in the **Device Protection** section click **Device Configuration**.



- In the **Bad Headers** row click the + icon, and then click **Bad Source**.
- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to “**Don’t Enforce**”



- In the **Flood** row click the + icon, and then click **ICMPv4 flood**.
- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to “**Don’t Enforce**”



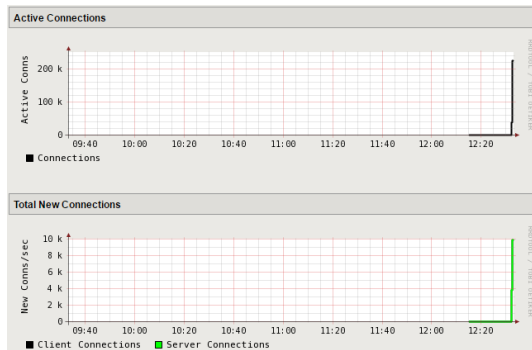
- Click **Update**.
- In the **Attacker** putty window type (or copy and paste) the following:

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# for i in {1..10}; do ./icmpflood.sh; done
```

This script launches 1,000,000 ICMP requests and then repeats for a total of ten occurrences.

- View the **tcpdump** window and verify that ICMP attack traffic is reaching the back-end server.
- Let the attack run for about 15 seconds before moving on.
- In the Configuration Utility, open the **Statistics >> Performance >> Performance page**.
- View the **Active Connections** and **Total New Connections** charts.

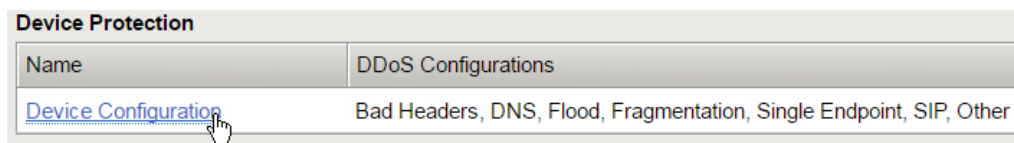
There is a drastic spike in active connections.



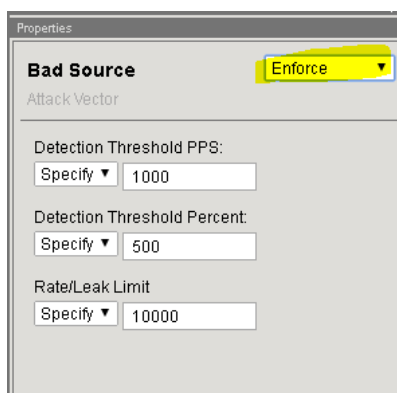
- View the **Throughput (bits)** and **Throughput (packets)** charts.  
There is also a drastic spike in both bits per second and packets per second.
- Open the **Security >> Event Logs >> DoS >> Network >> Events** page.  
The log file is empty as we disabled device-level flood protection vector on BIG-IP DHD.
- In the Attacker putty ssh shell slowly hit Ctrl + C several times until the prompt is back at the **/scripts**.

## Task 2 – Re-enable Device-Level DHD DoS Protection

- In the Configuration Utility, in the **Device Protection** section click **Device Configuration**.



- In the **Bad Headers** row click the + icon, and then click **Bad Source**.
- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to “**Enforce**”



- In the **Flood** row click the + icon, and then click **ICMPv4 flood**.
- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to “**Enforce**”



**Properties**

**ICMPv4 flood** Enforce ▼

Attack Vector

☐ Auto-Threshold Configuration

☒ Manual Configuration

Detection Threshold PPS:

Specify ▼ 10000

Detection Threshold Percent:

Specify ▼ 500

Rate/Leak Limit

Specify ▼ 100000

☐ Simulate Auto Threshold

☐ Bad Actor Detection

- Click Update.

This returns the configuration back to factory supplied device level enforcement.

### Task 3 – Configure Protected Object-Level Network DoS Protection

With the DHD device wide protection provides a line of defense and is enforced for all traffic flowing through the device. For more granular control, we use protected objects and configure mitigation settings for those objects to be enforced. In this task we will configure object-level DoS network multi-vector protection, and then issue an attack and review the results in the next task.

- Go to **Dos Protection>>Quick Configuration**
- On the **Protect Objects** page, in the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

Name	ServerNet
IP Address	10.1.20.0/24
Port	*
Protocol	All Protocols
Protection Settings: Action	Log and Mitigate
Protection Settings: DDoS Settings	IPv4,TCP,UDP, Sweep
Maximum Bandwidth: Specify	200
Enable External Redirection	Checked
Scrubbing Threshold: Percentage	90%
Scrubbing	Silverline
Silverline	Checked

**Protected Object**

Name	ServerNet
IP Address / Mask	10.1.20.0/24
Port	*
Protocol	All Protocols
VLAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any
SSL	<input type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Deployment Model	Traffic : Symmetric

**Capacity**

Connection Limit	Infinite
Maximum Bandwidth	Specify 200 Mbps
Enable External Redirection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scrubbing Threshold	Percentage 90 % of 200 Mbps
Scrubbing	Silverline

**Protection Settings**

Action	Log And Mitigate
Silverline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Default Whitelist	No Address Selected Add IP address Add
HTTP Whitelist	Use Default
DDoS Settings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IPv4 <input type="checkbox"/> IPv6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TCP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UDP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sweep <input type="checkbox"/> DNS <input type="checkbox"/> SIP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTPS <input type="checkbox"/> L4 Behavioral

**IPv4**

**TCP**

**UDP**

**Sweep**

- Verify the newly created protected object:

Protected Objects								Create
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Deployment Model	DDoS Configurations	Action	Silverline	IP Address	Port	Protocol
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Server5	Symmetric	IPv4, TCP	Log And Mitigate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10.1.20.15	Any	ANY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ServerNet	Symmetric	IPv4, UDP, TCP, Sweep	Log And Mitigate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10.1.20.0/24	Any	ANY

- Click on the “**ServerNet**” object and configure the following vectors and click **Update**.

Vector	Detection Thresh. PPS	Detection Thresh %	Rate Limit
ICMP Fragment	100	500	200
ICMPv4 Flood	100	500	200
IP Fragment Flood	100	500	200
TCP SYN Flood	100	500	200
TCP SYN Oversize	100	500	200

IPv4							
Vector	Detection Threshold PPS	Detection Threshold Percent	Rate Limit	Bad Actor	Current Device Statistics		
					Current	1 min. Average	1 hr. Average
<a href="#">Host Unreachable</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">ICMP Fragment</a>	100	500	200	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">ICMPv4 flood</a>	100	500	200	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">IP Fragment Flood</a>	100	500	200	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">IP Option Frames</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">TIDCMP</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">TTL &lt;= &lt;tunable&gt;</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0

TCP							
Vector	Detection Threshold PPS	Detection Threshold Percent	Rate Limit	Bad Actor	Current Device Statistics		
					Current	1 min. Average	1 hr. Average
<a href="#">Option Present With Illegal Length</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">TCP Flags-Bad URG</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">TCP Half Open</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">TCP Option Overruns TCP Header</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">TCP PUSH Flood</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">TCP RST Flood</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">TCP SYN ACK Flood</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">TCP SYN Flood</a>	100	500	200	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">TCP SYN Oversize</a>	100	500	200	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
<a href="#">TCP Malicious Reset</a>	30000	500	Infinite	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0

## Task 4 – Launch the attack and view the results

- Click **DoS Protection>>Quick Configuration->ServerNet**
- Open the following as **new tabs** (right click and select open link in a new tab) in the DHD UI (Google Chrome Window):
- Security>>DoS Protection>>DoS Overview** (leave the filter at default: 'DoS Attack' and change auto refresh to 20 seconds)
- Statistics>>DoS Visibility**
- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell and launch the attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# ./multivector.sh
```

The attacks will be detected immediately. Let the attacks run for a couple of minutes. Click Refresh on the DoS Overview page and it will start to populate. You will see some attacks mitigated by Device Configuration and some mitigated by the more specific settings on the ServerNet Protected Object:

Security >> DoS Protection >> DoS Overview

DoS Overview

DoS Profiles

Device Configuration

Exception Policy List

Behavioral Signatures

Content Filter

Filter Type

DoS Attack

Auto Refresh

20 seconds

Refresh

Enter Vector Name

Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Virtual Server	Attack Status		Average Aggregate PPS		Dropped PPS		Detection Threshold PPS			Rate Limit Threshold PPS			
					Aggregate	Bad Actor	Current	1 min	1 hour	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Threshold Mode	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Detect Threshold %	Aggregate	Bad Actor
dos-device-config	dos-commonSig_23230_9_149888541	Enforced	L4 BDUS	N/A	Detected	None	1014	1059	0	0	0	N/A	150	N/A	N/A	Infinite	N/A
ServerNet	ICMPv4 flood	Enforced	NETWORK	ServerNet	Dropped	None	915	1036	0	990	0	Manual	100	Infinite	500	200	Infinite
dos-device-config	TCP Bad ACK flood	Enforced	NETWORK	N/A	Detected	None	895	1055	0	0	0	Manual	100	10	500	200	20
ServerNet	TCP SYN flood	Enforced	NETWORK	ServerNet	Dropped	None	1035	2086	0	1635	0	Manual	100	Infinite	500	200	Infinite

- Navigate to **Security>>Event Logs>>DoS->Network>>Events**.
- Click on “custom search. . .” link.
- Drag one of the values from the “Attack Type” column into the custom search builder. From the Action column, drag Drop into the search builder. Click “Search”

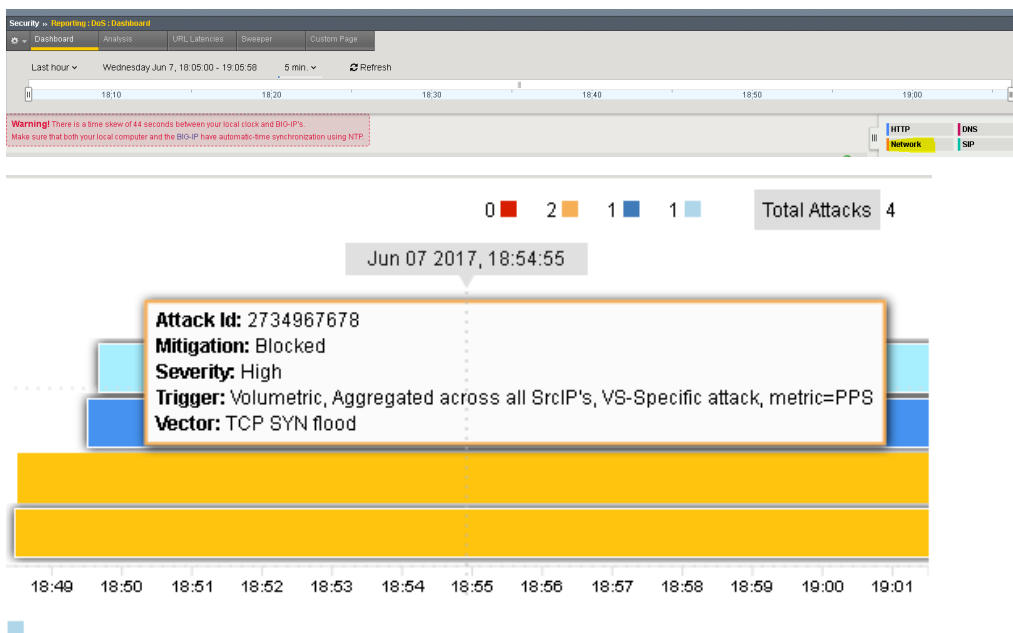
Security > Event Logs > DoS > Network > Events									
Type	TCP SYN flood								
Action	Drop								
Search	Reset Search								
Time	DoS Mode	DoS Source	Content	Event	Type	Action	Attack ID	Packets In / sec	Dropped Packets
2017-06-07 18:54:31	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS	/Common/SensorNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN flood	Drop	2734967678	344	319
2017-06-07 18:54:31	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS	/Common/SensorNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN flood	Drop	2734967678	343	318
2017-06-07 18:54:31	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS	/Common/SensorNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN flood	Drop	2734967678	344	319
2017-06-07 18:54:30	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS	/Common/SensorNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN flood	Drop	2734967678	334	309
2017-06-07 18:54:30	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS	/Common/SensorNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN flood	Drop	2734967678	339	314
2017-06-07 18:54:30	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS	/Common/SensorNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN flood	Drop	2734967678	343	318
2017-06-07 18:54:30	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS	/Common/SensorNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN flood	Drop	2734967678	327	302
2017-06-07 18:54:30	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS	/Common/SensorNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN flood	Drop	2734967678	337	312
2017-06-07 18:54:30	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS	/Common/SensorNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN flood	Drop	2734967678	328	303
2017-06-07 18:54:30	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS	/Common/SensorNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN flood	Drop	2734967678	333	308
2017-06-07 18:54:30	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS	/Common/SensorNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN flood	Drop	2734967678	333	308
2017-06-07 18:54:29	Enforced	Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS	/Common/SensorNet	Attack Sampled	TCP SYN flood	Drop	2734967678	339	314

Further explore the DoS Event logs. For example, clear the search and identify the “Stop” and “Start” times for an attack, etc.

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, access the DoS Visibility reporting tool at **Statistics>>DoS Visibility**. If you get a time-skew warning, then please ignore it as it's the Windows PC that can't keep the clock right.

**Note:** The DoS Visibility is a reporting tool, not a real-time monitoring tool. Events are displayed, much like other AVR-based reporting, in 5 minute windows. Do not expect events to be shown here immediately after running an attack. Quicker/real-time monitoring of on-going DoS attacks is best accomplished in the DoS Event Logs and DoS Overview areas of the WebUI.\*\*

- You should see the attacks in the timeline and a variety of details in the windows. Use the slider to shorten the timeframe if needed, and click the Network filter, to focus on L4 attacks and mitigation.



- Stop the attack (Ctrl+C) in the Attacker CLI (ssh window).

## Task 5 – Configure Bad Actor Detection

Add bad actor detection for a for the UDP flood protection.

- In the Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection >> Quick Configuration** page and in the **Protected Objects** section click **ServerNet**.
- In the **UDP** row click the **+** icon, and then click **UDP Flood**.
- On the right-side of the page configure using the following information in the table, and then click **Update**.
- Set the UDP Flood vector settings:

Setting	Value
Enforce	selected
Manual Configuration	selected
Detection Threshold PPS	100
Detection Threshold Percent	500
Rate Limit	200
Bad Actor Detection	selected
Per Source IP Detection	100 PPS
Per Source IP Rate Limit	30 PPS
Blacklist Attacking Addresses	selected
Detection Time	15 seconds
Duration	120 seconds

- Open the following in new tabs (Google Chrome - right click and select open link in new tab) in the DHD UI:
- **DoS Protection>>Quick Configuration>>ServerNet**

- **Security>>DoS Protection>>DoS Overview** (leave filter at default: “DoS Attack” and set refresh rate to 20s)
- **Statistics>>DoS Visibility**
- **Security>>Event Logs>>Network->IP Intelligence**
- Access the Attacker system CLI (putty ssh) and run the UDP flood attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# ./udp\_flood.sh

From the menu, select '1' to start the attack

root@attacker-a:~/scripts# ./udp\_flood.sh
1) Attack start
2) Attack end
3) Quit

#?
```

**Note:** This attack is relatively short-lived. You can launch it again if the attack ends and you are not finished showing the various reports. Simply type ‘1’ again, to re-run the attack. You may have to run the attack multiple times using ‘1’.

- In the DoS Overview page observe the blocks by Bad Actor

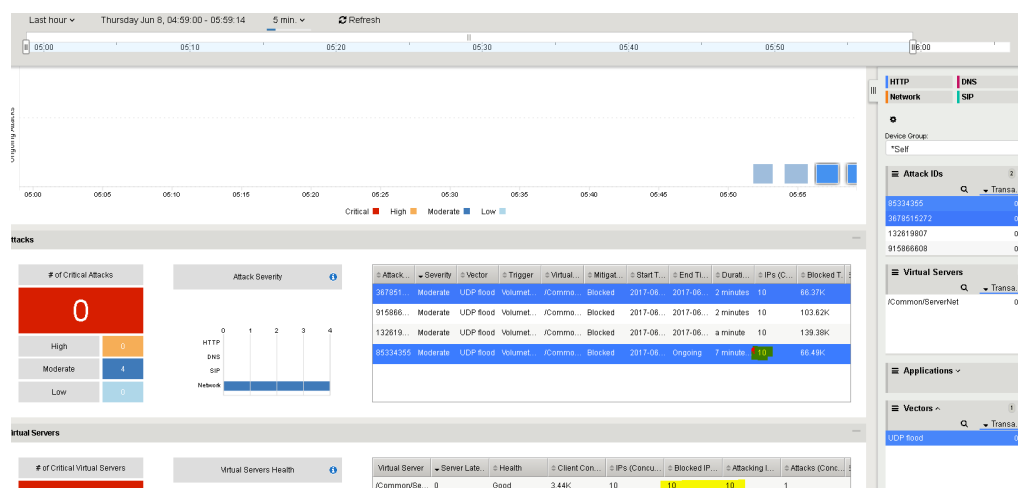
Enter Vector Name				Attack Status		Average Aggregate PPS			Dropped PPS		Detection Threshold PPS			Rate Limit Threshold PPS			
Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Virtual Server	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Current	1 min	1 hour	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Threshold Mode	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Detect Threshold %	Aggregate	Bad Actor
ServerNet	UDP flood	Enforced	NETWORK	ServerNet	Detected	None	0	160	0	0	0	Manual	100	100	500	200	30

Enter Vector Name				Attack Status		Average Aggregate PPS			Dropped PPS		Detection Threshold PPS			Rate Limit Threshold PPS			
Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Virtual Server	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Current	1 min	1 hour	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Threshold Mode	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Detect Threshold %	Aggregate	Bad Actor
ServerNet	UDP flood	Enforced	NETWORK	ServerNet	Dropped	Dropped	991	205	0	791	3970	Manual	100	100	500	200	30

- In the IP Intelligence Event Logs observe the IP addresses that are being added to the denial\_of\_service blacklist.

Security >> Event Logs >> Network >> IP Intelligence													
Network													
Last Hour													
Search Custom Search													
Time	Context	Name	Policy Name	Source			Destination			Protocol	Black List Class	Event Type	Action
				Address	Port	VLAN	Address	Port	Route Domain				
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.222	24048		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.228	23054		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.223	23726		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.222	23358		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.230	23510		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.229	23470		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.224	23999		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.226	23278		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.221	23814		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.230	23502		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.222	23350		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.226	23370		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.229	23446		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.229	23462		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop
2017-06-08 05:52:10	Global		CommonIps_Dos_IP_Mitigate	10.1.17.224	23908		CommonIpsDefaultVLAN	10.1.20.12	53	0	UDP	denial_of_service custom_category	Drop

- In the DoS Visibility tab expand the Vectors inspector and select UDP Flood. When it updates, select a flood from the timeline. Note in the Attacks panel the #IPs blocked is 10



- End the UDP\_Flood attack script by typing '2' to kill any still running processes and then '3' to exit the script.
- **Clean-Up :** Be sure to stop all hping3 processes by using the following command:

```
# sudo bash
# killall -9 hping3
```

### 3.1.4 Lab 4 – Using Auto Thresholding

This exercise will simulate a newly configured Protected Object where the security administrator is unsure what values to assign to a few common vectors. Note that auto-thresholding is useful at both the Device and Protected Object levels

**Note:** This demo may place significant stress on the demo environment. This may make the DHD UI less responsive. This is unavoidable since for auto-thresholding to block, the attack must be damaging enough to cause stress, which will push the CPU on the Virtual Environment very high. Remember that this is a virtual environment with minimal resources for lab under high stress and that the Hybrid Defender appliances mitigate these attacks in dedicated hardware.\*\*

#### Task 1 – Configure Auto Thresholding

- On the Good Client, if you have not already done so, start the network baselining. This step is needed if you didn't start the good traffic generation in Exercise 2 or accidentally stopped it.

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# ./baseline_l4.sh
```

- In the Hybrid Defender UI, in Quick Configuration, select the Server5 Protected Object and verify that the IP and TCP vectors are all at default thresholds with auto-threshold disabled:

Setting	Value
All Detection Thresholds	30000 pps
All Rate Limits	Infinite
Auto Thresholding	Disabled

IPv4			
Vector	Detection Threshold PPS	Detection Threshold Percent	Rate Limit
<a href="#">Host Unreachable</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">ICMP Fragment</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">ICMPv4 flood</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">IP Fragment Flood</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">IP Option Frames</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TIDCMP</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TTL &lt;= &lt;tunable&gt;</a>	30000	500	Infinite
TCP			
Vector	Detection Threshold PPS	Detection Threshold Percent	Rate Limit
<a href="#">Option Present With Illegal Length</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP Flags-Bad URG</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP Half Open</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP Option Overruns TCP Header</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP PUSH Flood</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP RST Flood</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP SYN ACK Flood</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP SYN Flood</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP SYN Oversize</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">TCP Window Size</a>	30000	500	Infinite
<a href="#">Unknown TCP Option Type</a>	30000	500	Infinite

- In the Hybrid Defender CLI (BIGIP ssh window), restart auto-thresholding:

```
# tmsh run security dos device-config auto-threshold-relearn
# tmsh run security dos virtual name Server5 auto-threshold-relearn
```

In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, in the **Server5** Protected Object configuration, enable auto-thresholding for the following vectors: **ICMPv4 Flood**, **TCP SYN Flood**, **TCP Push Flood**, **TCP RST Flood**, **TCP SYN ACK Flood** by selecting each vector and clicking the **Auto-Threshold Configuration** radio button. When all vectors are configured, click **Update** at the bottom of the screen.

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, view the Auto Threshold event log by navigation to **Security>>Event Logs>>DoS>>Network>>Auto Threshold**.

Time	Content	Threshold Type	Attack Type	Old Value	New Value	Event
2017-06-08 06:42:04	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP Push Flood	1692158077	4284967295	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:42:04	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	1692158077	4284967295	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:42:04	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP RST flood	1692158077	4284967295	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:42:04	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYNACK flood	1692158077	4284967295	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:42:04	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN flood	1692158077	4284967295	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:42:03	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP Push Flood	4284967295	1692158077	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:42:03	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	4284967295	1692158077	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:42:03	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP RST flood	4284967295	1692158077	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:42:03	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYNACK flood	4284967295	1692158077	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:42:03	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN flood	4284967295	1692158077	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:41:05	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP Push Flood	3279579570	4284967295	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:41:05	/Common/Server5	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	3279579570	4284967295	Network AutoDoS Event

The system is updating the detection thresholds. With auto-thresholding, the system adjust the detection thresholds based on observed traffic patterns. However, mitigation rate limits are always dynamic based on detected system or protected object stress. If anomalous levels of traffic are running, but there is no stress, the Hybrid Defender will generate alerts but will not block traffic. Under stress, the rate limits are automatically created and adjusted dynamically.

## Task 2 – Create Stress to trigger Auto Thresholding and view Reports.

- Let's create some stress with a Flood attack. In the Attacker CLI start the auto-threshold flood:



```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# ./autot_flood.sh
```

This is a long duration attack. You can terminate it with Ctrl+C when finished.

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, review the Auto Threshold event log. You will see that Rate limits are being automatically set and adjusted to mitigate the flood attack.

Security -> Event Logs -> DoS -> Network -> Auto Threshold							
Time		Context	Threshold Type	Attack Type	Old Value	New Value	Event
2017-06-08 06:46:49		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP Push Flood	3798781747	895	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:49		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	3798781747	895	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:49		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP RST flood	3798781747	895	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:49		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYNACK flood	3798781747	895	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:49		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN flood	3798781747	895	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:49		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP Push Flood	783187	3798781747	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:49		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	783187	3798781747	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:49		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP RST flood	783187	3798781747	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:49		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYNACK flood	783187	3798781747	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:49		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN flood	783187	3798781747	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:47		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP Push Flood	18	783187	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:47		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	18	783187	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:47		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP RST flood	18	783187	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:47		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYNACK flood	18	783187	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:47		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN flood	18	783187	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:45		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP Push Flood	16465	18	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:45		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	16465	18	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:45		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP RST flood	16465	18	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:45		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYNACK flood	16465	18	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:45		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP SYN flood	16465	18	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:44		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	TCP Push Flood	1428120641	16465	Network AutoDoS Event
2017-06-08 06:46:44		/CommonServers	DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold	ICMPv4 flood	1428120641	16465	Network AutoDoS Event

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, view the DoS Overview. Note that the ICMP Flood attack is being mitigated and the rate limit thresholds for each of the auto-threshold vectors have been adjusted based on stress, including vectors that are not detecting or blocking an attack.

Security -> DoS Protection -> DoS Overview																	
Context Filter																	
Filter Type	DoS Attack																
Auto Refresh	Disabled	Refresh															
Enter Vector Name																	
Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Virtual Server	Attack Status		Average Aggregate PPS			Dropped PPS		Detection Threshold PPS			Rate Limit Threshold PPS		
					Aggregate	Bad Actor	Current	1 min	1 hour	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Threshold Mode	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Detect Threshold %	Aggregate	Bad Actor
dos-device-config	dos-common[Sig_23230_200_1468928634]	Enforced	LA B0S	NA	Detected	None	3953	15671	2	0	0	N/A	150	N/A	N/A	Infinite	N/A
Server5	ICMPv4 flood	Enforced	NETWORK	Server5	Detected	None	3696	16593	0	0	0	Auto	12	Infinite	N/A	14528 - infinite	Infinite
dos-device-config	ICMPv4 flood	Enforced	NETWORK	NA	Detected	None	11710	31867	1108	0	0	Manual	10000	1000	500	100000	10000
dos-device-config	IP bad src	Enforced	NETWORK	NA	Dropped	None	402	1314	59	492	0	Manual	1000	N/A	500	10000	N/A

Security -> DoS Protection -> DoS Overview																	
Context Filter																	
Filter Type	DoS Attack																
Auto Refresh	Disabled	Refresh															
Enter Vector Name																	
Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Virtual Server	Attack Status		Average Aggregate PPS			Dropped PPS		Detection Threshold PPS			Rate Limit Threshold PPS		
					Aggregate	Bad Actor	Current	1 min	1 hour	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Threshold Mode	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Detect Threshold %	Aggregate	Bad Actor
dos-device-config	dos-common[Sig_23230_200_1468928634]	Enforced	LA B0S	NA	Detected	None	20980	15823	2	0	0	N/A	150	N/A	N/A	Infinite	N/A
Server5	ICMPv4 flood	Enforced	NETWORK	Server5	Dropped	None	17163	15950	0	17160	0	Auto	12	Infinite	N/A	51 - infinite	Infinite
dos-device-config	ICMPv4 flood	Enforced	NETWORK	NA	Detected	None	31115	32919	1147	0	0	Manual	10000	1000	500	100000	10000
dos-device-config	IP bad src	Enforced	NETWORK	NA	Dropped	None	1180	1358	59	1180	0	Manual	1000	N/A	500	10000	N/A

- Select the filter type to **Virtual Server (DoS protected)** and **Server5** and view how various Thresholds are dynamically adjusted based on the stress

Security > DoS Protection > DoS Overview

DoS Overview

DoS Profiles

Device Configuration

Epsilon Policy List

Behavioral Signatures

Context Filter

Filter Type

Virtual Server (DoS protected) > Server5

Auto Refresh

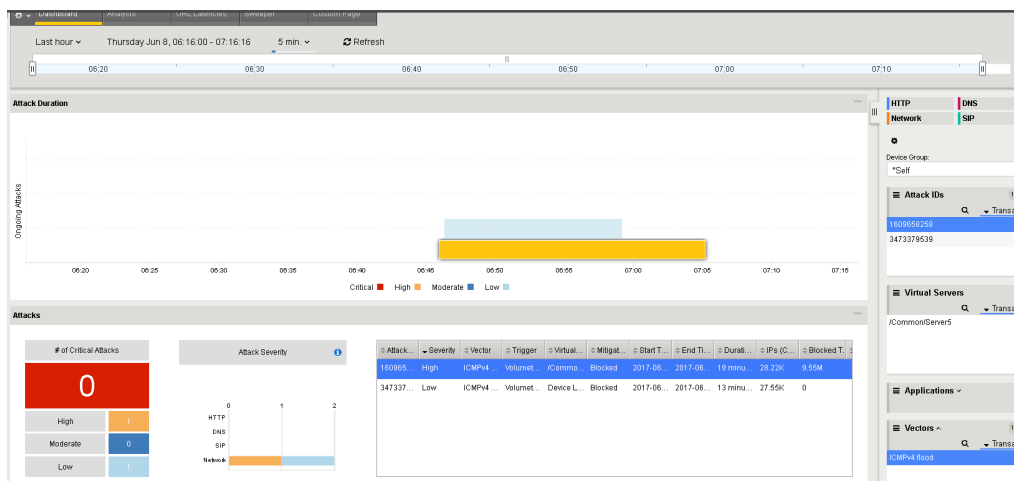
Disabled

Refresh

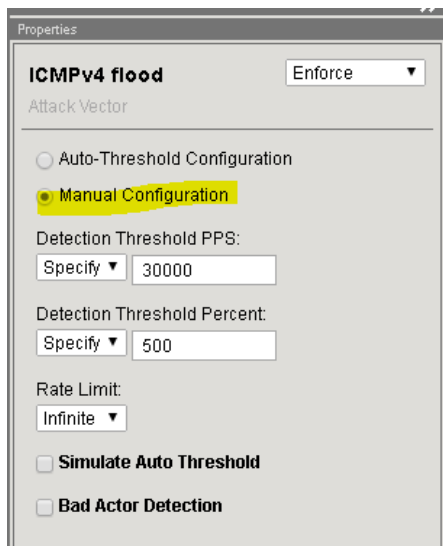
Enter Vector Name

Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Attack Status		Average Aggregate PPS			Dropped PPS		Detection Threshold PPS			Rate Limit Threshold PPS		
				Aggregate	Bad Actor	Current	1 min	1 hour	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Threshold Mode	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Detect Threshold %	Aggregate	Bad Actor
Server5	Host unreachable	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Server5	ICMP fragmented	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Server5	ICMPv4 flood	Enforced	NETWORK	Dropped	None	22314	16457	0	20845	0	Auto	12	Infinite	N/A	290 - Infinite	Infinite
Server5	IP fragment flood	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Server5	IP option frames	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Server5	Low TTL	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Server5	TCP bad URG	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Server5	TCP half open	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Server5	TCP option overruns TCP header	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Server5	TCP Option present with illegal length	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Server5	TCP Push Flood	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Auto	12	Infinite	N/A	290 - Infinite	Infinite
Server5	TCP RST flood	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Auto	18	Infinite	N/A	437 - Infinite	Infinite
Server5	TCP SYN flood	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Auto	12	Infinite	N/A	290 - Infinite	Infinite
Server5	TCP SYN Overload	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Server5	TCP SYNACK flood	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Auto	12	Infinite	N/A	290 - Infinite	Infinite
Server5	TCP window size	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Server5	TDCMP attack	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
Server5	Unknown TCP option type	Enforced	NETWORK	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite

- Terminate the attack in the Attacker CLI with Ctrl+C.
- After the attack has ended, in the Hybrid Defender WebUI, navigate to the DoS Visibility page. Under Vectors, select ICMPv4 Flood. View various details.



- **Clean-up:** On the Attacker CLI, if the attack is still running be certain to end it with Ctrl-C.
- **Clean-up:** For repeatability, it is necessary to disable the auto-thresholding for the **ICMPv4 Flood**, **TCP RST Flood**, **TCP Push Flood**, **TCP SYN ACK Flood** and **TCP SYN Flood** vectors on the **Server5** protected object. **Switch them back to Manual Configuration.**



- **Clean-up:** After disabling auto-thresholding, clear the learning on the Hybrid Defender CLI with:

```
# tmsl run security dos device-config auto-threshold-relearn
# tmsl run security dos virtual name Server5 auto-threshold-relearn
```

- **Clean-up:** Stop the baseline traffic generation from the **good-client** if still running using CTRL+C

### 3.1.5 Lab 5 – Configuring DNS Attack Protection

DNS DoS attacks come in many flavors and target different resources. DNS query, reverse flood and amplification attacks are some such DNS attacks.

#### DNS Query Flood

This type of DoS of service attack has a couple possible resource impacts.

- Overwhelm the DNS server's ability to respond by sending too many requests

This can be done just by asking for more requests than the server can reply with and prevent the server from servicing legitimate requests. It doesn't really matter if the clients are spoofed or not, it only matters that the DNS server just can't keep up.

#### Mitigation Options

DNS DoS mitigation generally requires an awareness of what you're trying to protect. This allows you to apply the appropriate mitigations and push the problem upstream until the next step is to force it off premises and in to a cloud solution. Load balancing is one remedy to this solution (anycast). Spreading the requests across pools of servers can help mitigate against these types of attacks. DNS Express is another option to increase the capacity of your DNS infrastructure. Layering in DHD DNS DoS vector mitigation also stops common DNS attacks.

#### Task 1 – Use a Protected Object to Mitigate a DNS Query Flood

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page and in the

- In the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

Name	DNSServer
IP Address	10.1.20.14
Port	53
Protocol	UDP
Protection Settings: Action	Log and Mitigate
Protection Settings: DDoS Settings	DNS

DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » Create Protected Object

**Protected Object**

Name	DNSServer
IP Address / Mask	10.1.20.14
Port	53
Protocol	UDP
VLAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any
SSL	<input type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Deployment Model	Traffic : Symmetric

**Capacity**

Connection Limit	Infinite
Maximum Bandwidth	Infinite
Enable External Redirection	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Protection Settings**

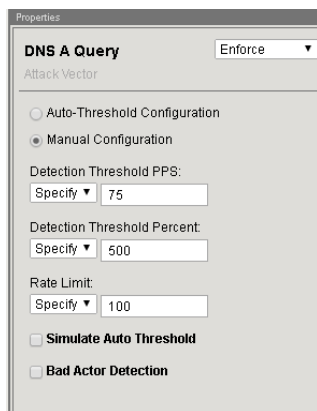
Action	Log And Mitigate
Silverline	<input type="checkbox"/>
Default Whitelist	No Address Selected Add IP address <input type="text"/> Add
HTTP Whitelist	Use Default
DDoS Settings	<input type="checkbox"/> IPv4 <input type="checkbox"/> IPv6 <input type="checkbox"/> TCP <input type="checkbox"/> UDP <input type="checkbox"/> Sweep <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DNS <input type="checkbox"/> SIP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTPS <input type="checkbox"/> L4 Behavioral

**DNS**

Cancel Create

- In the **DNS** row click the **+** icon, and then click **DNS A Query**.
- On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click **Create**.

Detection Threshold PPS	Specify: 75
Detection Threshold Percent	Specify: 500
Rate Limit	Specify: 100



Properties

**DNS A Query** Enforce ▼

Attack Vector

☐ Auto-Threshold Configuration

☒ Manual Configuration

Detection Threshold PPS:  
Specify ▼ 75

Detection Threshold Percent:  
Specify ▼ 500

Rate Limit:  
Specify ▼ 100

☐ Simulate Auto Threshold

☐ Bad Actor Detection

## Task 2 – Establish a DNS Baseline

- In the **Attacker** putty window type (or copy and paste) the following command:

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# ./dnsbaseline.sh
```

- Continue to run the baseline until you get the following results:

```

root@Attacker:~/scripts# ./dnsbaseline.sh
Starting DNS baseline with 50 A Queries/S
dnsp perf -s 10.1.20.14 -d dnsbaseline.txt -Q 50 -S 5 -c 100 -l 120
DNS Performance Testing Tool
Nominum Version 2.1.0.0

[Status] Command line: dnsp erf -s 10.1.20.14 -d dnsbaseline.txt -Q 50 -S 5 -c
0 -l 120
[Status] Sending queries (to 10.1.20.14)
[Status] Started at: Thu Jun  8 07:51:05 2017
[Status] Stopping after 120.000000 seconds
1496933470.894889: 49.995580
1496933475.900758: 50.141144
1496933480.906458: 49.943065
1496933485.912234: 49.942307
1496933490.914816: 49.974193
1496933495.920554: 50.142457
1496933500.926207: 49.943534
1496933505.931803: 49.944103
1496933510.937545: 49.942646
1496933515.943349: 50.141795
1496933520.948980: 49.943753
1496933525.954727: 49.942596
1496933530.960469: 50.142416
1496933535.966130: 49.943454
1496933540.971757: 49.943793
1496933545.974697: 49.970617
1496933550.980395: 50.142857
1496933555.986188: 49.942137
1496933560.991760: 49.944342
1496933565.997524: 49.942426
1496933570.999785: 50.177310
1496933576.005435: 49.943564
1496933581.011052: 49.943893
[Status] Testing complete (time limit)

Statistics:

  Queries sent:          6000
  Queries completed:    6000 (100.00%)
  Queries lost:         0 (0.00%)

  Response codes:      NOERROR 6000 (100.00%)
  Average packet size: request 41, response 306
  Run time (s):        120.000527
  Queries per second:  49.999780

  Average Latency (s):  0.004990 (min 0.001820, max 0.507588)
  Latency StdDev (s):  0.019790

```

### Task 3 – Initiate a DNS Attack that Exceeds the Rate Limit

- In the Attacker putty window type (or copy and paste) the following command:  
`./dnsdosrate.sh`
- Wait for the attack to run for about 30 seconds before moving on.
- In the Configuration Utility, review the **DoS Overview** page

Security >> DoS Protection : DoS Overview

DoS Overview

DoS Profiles

Device Configuration

Evasion Policy List

Behavioral Signatures

Context Filter

Filter Type

Virtual Server (DoS protected: \* , DNSServer : )

Auto Refresh

20 seconds

Refresh

Enter Vector Name		Attack Status				Average Aggregate PPS			Dropped PPS		Detection Threshold PPS			Rate Limit Threshold PPS		
Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Current	1 min	1 hour	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Threshold Mode	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Detect Threshold %	Aggregate	Bad Actor
DNSServer	A query DOS	Enforced	DNS	Dropped	None	103	54	0	20	0	Manual	75	Infinite	500	100	Infinite
DNSServer	AAAA query DOS	Enforced	DNS	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
DNSServer	ANY query DOS	Enforced	DNS	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
DNSServer	AXFR query DOS	Enforced	DNS	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
DNSServer	CNAME query DOS	Enforced	DNS	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
DNSServer	HTTP request DOS	Enforced	DNS	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite

The **A query DOS** attack vector is now dropping attack traffic.

The script will also record the number of drops if any as a result of the attack rate limit being hit.

```
Statistics:

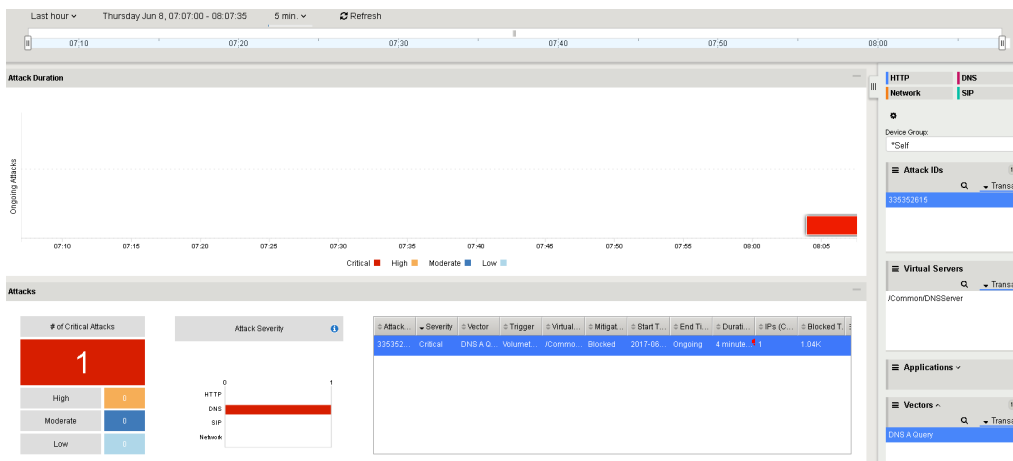
Queries sent:      12182
Queries completed: 9831 (80.70%)
Queries lost:      2351 (19.30%)

Response codes:    NOERROR 9831 (100.00%)
Average packet size: request 41, response 306
Run time (s):      120.005951
Queries per second: 81.920937

Average Latency (s): 0.005037 (min 0.001739, max 0.115031)
Latency StdDev (s): 0.004483

root@Attacker:~/scripts#
```

In the Configuration Utility open the **Statistics >> DoS Visibility** page. View details in various sections



## DNS Reverse flood

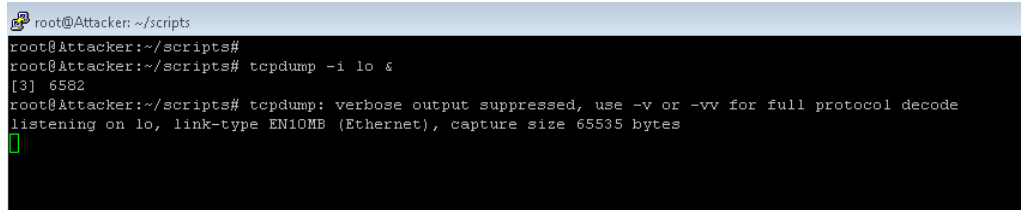
Sometimes DNS responses are used in flooding network resources. A small request has a disproportionately larger response and since the transport protocol is UDP it can easily be spoofed. The outbound pipe can easily get congested responding to a smaller number of requests with large responses.

## Task 1 – View DNS Reverse Flood

Use **tcpdump** and **dig** to view DNS request and response packets. A small request produces a large response. You will **open two ssh** sessions to the **attacker**.

- Putty to the Attacker CLI (use the shortcut).
- Putty to the Attacker CLI (use the shortcut).
- In the **first ssh window** on the attacker start a tcpdump using the following command:

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# tcpdump -i lo &
```



```
root@Attacker: ~/scripts
root@Attacker:~/scripts#
root@Attacker:~/scripts# tcpdump -i lo &
[3] 6582
root@Attacker:~/scripts# tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
listening on lo, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 65535 bytes
^
```

- In the **second ssh** window on the attacker issue a dig against the loop back with “ANY”

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# dig ANY floodzone.local @localhost
```



```
root@Attacker: ~  
root@Attacker:~# dig ANY floodzone.local @localhost  
  
; <<>> DiG 9.9.5-3ubuntu0.14-Ubuntu <<>> ANY floodzone.local @localhost  
;; global options: +cmd  
;; Got answer:  
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 3896  
;; flags: qr aa rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 17, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 13  
  
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:  
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096  
;; QUESTION SECTION:  
;floodzone.local.          IN      ANY  
  
;; ANSWER SECTION:  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      A      10.10.1.2  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      A      10.10.1.3  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      A      10.10.1.4  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      A      10.10.1.1  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      A      10.10.1.5  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      SOA     attacker-a.f5demo.com. root.atta  
cker-a.f5demo.com. 20 604800 86400 2419200 604800  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      NS      ranger.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      NS      langley.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      NS      lexington.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      NS      attacker-a.f5demo.com.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      NS      saratoga.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      AAAA    ::1  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      MX      20 enterprise.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      MX      40 hornet.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      MX      50 essex.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      MX      10 yorktown.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      MX      30 wasp.floodzone.local.  
  
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:  
ranger.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.17  
ranger.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.56  
langley.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.14  
langley.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.36  
saratoga.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.16  
lexington.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.15  
attacker-a.f5demo.com. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.6  
yorktown.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.18  
enterprise.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.19  
wasp.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.20  
hornet.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.21  
essex.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.22  
  
;; Query time: 4 msec  
;; SERVER: 127.0.0.1#53(127.0.0.1)  
;; WHEN: Fri Jun 09 07:33:55 PDT 2017  
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 628  
  
root@Attacker:~#
```

- In the **first ssh window** on the attacker view the results of the tcpdump : Notice the difference in the **size of the request (44) vs the response (628)**. Your values maybe different. The point is that a small request can generate an enormous response.

```
root@Attacker:~/scripts# tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or  
-vv for full protocol decodinglistening on lo, link-type EN10MB  
(Ethernet), capture size 65535 bytes
```

```
07:33:55.737892 IP localhost.47406 > localhost.domain: 3896+ [1au] ANY?
floodzone.local. *(44)**
```

```
07:33:55.738563 IP localhost.domain > localhost.47406: 3896\* 17/0/13 A
10.10.1.2, A 10.10.1.3, A 10.10.1.4, A 10.10.1.1, A 10.10.1.5, SOA, NS
ranger.floodzone.local., NS langley.floodzone.local., NS
lexington.floodzone.local., NS attacker-a.f5d emo.com., NS
saratoga.floodzone.local., AAAA ::1, MX enterprise.floodzone.local. 20,
MX hornet.floodzone.local. 40, MX ess ex.floodzone.local. 50, MX
yorktown.floodzone.local. 10, MX wasp.floodzone.local. 30 *(628)**
```

- In the **second ssh window** on the attacker issue a dig against the loop back with “ANY” for a larger response.

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# dig ANY ripe.net @localhost +dnssec
```

- In the **first ssh window** on the attacker view the results of the tcpdump : Notice the difference in the size of the request (37) vs the response (2715). **Your values maybe different.** The point is that a small request can generate an enormous response.

```
root@Attacker:~/scripts# tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or
-vv for full protocol decode

listening on lo, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 65535 bytes

07:43:44.018212 IP localhost.51272 > localhost.domain: 58304+ [1au] ANY?
ripe.net. *(37)**

07:43:44.018889 IP localhost.domain > localhost.51272: 58304$ 18/8/15
RRSIG, SOA, RRSIG, RRSIG, A 193.0.6.139, RRSIG, DNSKEY, DNSKEY, DNSKEY,
RRSIG, DS, NS manus.authdns.ripe.net., NS a2.verisigndns.com., NS
a1.verisigndns.com., NS tinnie.arin.net., NS sns-pb.isc.org., NS
sec3.apnic.net., NS a3.verisigndns.com. *(2715)**
```

- Once you're done, type 'fg' and 'CTRL+C' to stop the tcpdump.

```
root@Attacker:~/scripts# tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or
-vv for full protocol decode listening on lo, link-type EN10MB
(Ethernet), capture size 65535 bytes
```

fg

```
tcpdump -i lo
```

^C

```
0 packets captured
0 packets received by filter
0 packets dropped by kernel
root@Attacker:~/scripts#
```

This can easily overwhelm the server or overwhelm the outbound network pipe disrupting traffic responses for legitimate requests and/or other applications.

One industry accepted way to mitigate this type of attack is to rate limit the responses on the DNS servers. More information on Response Rate Limiting can be found [here](#):

<https://www.isc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/DNS-RRL-LISA14.pdf>

Because DoS policies are applied to traffic flows on ingress to the DHD, response rate limiting isn't currently available. But you still can limit the types of queries that can disproportionately consume bandwidth. The ANY query used in the previous example is one such example.

## Task 2 – Use a Protected Object to Mitigate a DNS Reverse Query Flood

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page
- In the **Protected Objects** section click **DNSServer**.
- In the **DNS** row click the **+** icon, and then click **DNS ANY Query**.
- On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click **Update**.

Detection Threshold PPS	Specify: 50
Detection Threshold Percent	Specify: 500
Rate Limit	Specify: 75

Properties

**DNS ANY Query** Enforce ▼

Attack Vector

☐ Auto-Threshold Configuration

☒ Manual Configuration

Detection Threshold PPS:

Specify ▼ 50

Detection Threshold Percent:

Specify ▼ 500

Rate Limit:

Specify ▼ 75

☐ Simulate Auto Threshold

☐ Bad Actor Detection

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **Security>>DoS Protection>> DoS Overview** page and set the **Filter type** to “**Virtual Server (DoS protected) / DNSServer**” Set **Auto-Refresh** to **20 seconds**.

Security >> DoS Protection : DoS Overview

DoS Overview DoS Profiles Device Configuration Eviction Policy List

Context Filter

Filter Type Virtual Server (DoS protected) DNSServer

Auto Refresh 20 seconds Refresh

Enter Vector Name ▼

Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Aggregate	Bad
DNSServer	A query DNS	Enforced	DNS	None	Non

- In the **attacker** ssh window issue dns reverse flood attack as follows:

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# ./dnsReverseFlood.sh
```

- Observe the DoS Overview as it gradually starts to drop the ANY queries.

Enter Vector Name		Attack Status				Average Aggregate PPS			Dropped PPS		Detection Threshold PPS			Rate Limit Threshold PPS		
Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Current	1 min	1 hour	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Threshold Mode	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Detect Threshold %	Aggregate	Bad Actor
DNSServer	A query DOS	Enforced	DNS	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	75	Infinite	500	100	Infinite
DNSServer	AAAA query DOS	Enforced	DNS	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
DNSServer	ANY query DOS	Enforced	DNS	None	None	53	4	0	2	0	Manual	50	Infinite	500	75	Infinite

Enter Vector Name		Attack Status				Average Aggregate PPS			Dropped PPS		Detection Threshold PPS			Rate Limit		
Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Current	1 min	1 hour	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Threshold Mode	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Detect Threshold %	Aggregate	Bad Actor
DNSServer	A query DOS	Enforced	DNS	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	75	Infinite	500	100	Infinite
DNSServer	AAAA query DOS	Enforced	DNS	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
DNSServer	ANY query DOS	Enforced	DNS	Detected	None	0	34	0	0	0	Manual	50	Infinite	500	75	Infinite

Enter Vector Name		Attack Status				Average Aggregate PPS			Dropped PPS		Detection Threshold PPS			Rate Limit		
Profile	Attack Vector	State	Layer	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Current	1 min	1 hour	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Threshold Mode	Aggregate	Bad Actor	Detect Threshold %	Aggregate	Bad Actor
DNSServer	A query DOS	Enforced	DNS	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	75	Infinite	500	100	Infinite
DNSServer	AAAA query DOS	Enforced	DNS	None	None	0	0	0	0	0	Manual	30000	Infinite	500	Infinite	Infinite
DNSServer	ANY query DOS	Enforced	DNS	Dropped	None	55	37	0	2	0	Manual	50	Infinite	500	75	Infinite

- In the **attacker** ssh window stop the attack by hitting “**CTRL+C**” many times

### 3.1.6 Lab 6 – Configuring L7 Attack Protection

In this exercise we will use a protected object and enforce mitigation for low and slow/encrypted layer 7 attacks.

#### Task 1 – Create Protected Object and Launch Attack

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page and in the Protected Objects section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

Name	Server1
IP Address	10.1.20.11
Port	443
VLAN (Selected)	defaultVLAN (uncheck ANY)
Protection Settings: Action	Log and Mitigate
Protection Settings: Silverline	Yes (selected)
Protection Settings: DDoS Settings	IPv4, TCP

DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » **Server1**

Protected Object	
Name	Server1
IP Address / Mask	10.1.20.11
Port	443
Protocol	TCP
VLAN	<input type="checkbox"/> Any <div> <div>Selected</div> <div>Available</div> <div>defaultVLAN</div> <div>&gt;&gt; &lt;&lt;</div> </div>
SSL	<input type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Deployment Model	Traffic : Symmetric

Capacity	
Connection Limit	Infinite
Maximum Bandwidth	Infinite
Enable External Redirection	<input type="checkbox"/>

Protection Settings	
Action	Log And Mitigate
Silverline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Default Whitelist	No Address Selected <input type="text" value="Add IP address"/> <input type="button" value="Add"/>
HTTP Whitelist	Use Default
DDoS Settings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IPv4 <input type="checkbox"/> IPv6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TCP <input type="checkbox"/> UDP <input type="checkbox"/> Sweep <input type="checkbox"/> DNS <input type="checkbox"/> SIP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTPS <input type="checkbox"/> L4 Behavioral

- Launch attacks without any layer 7 protection configured
- Open the following in separate tabs in the Hybrid Defender WebUI:
- **DoS Protection>>Quick Configuration**
- **Security>>Reporting>>DoS>>Analysis**
- From a **firefox browser** go to <https://10.1.20.11>. Ignore SSL warning and Add Exception. Note that this bypasses the Hybrid Defender and accesses the server directly, showing the availability and/or performance of the site directly. Click around a few links. This is the site we will launch an attack against and mitigate.
- Verify that the configuration is providing no L7 protections by taking the server offline with a slowloris attack. Note that apache will try to clean up the slow flows, but they will do so inefficiently and the server is impacted (which will show as an outage, missing objects and/or slower responsiveness). Run the slowloris attack from the Attacker CLI:

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# ./slowloris.sh
```

The tool will rapidly show the site offline (10-15 seconds, with trivial traffic load):

```
root@Attacker: ~/scripts
Thu Jun  8 08:29:34 2017:
slowhttptest version 1.6
- https://code.google.com/p/slowhttptest/ -
test type:                SLOW HEADERS
number of connections:    4090
URL:                      https://10.1.20.11/
verb:                     GET
Content-Length header value: 4096
follow up data max size:  68
interval between follow up data: 10 seconds
connections per seconds:  200
probe connection timeout:  5 seconds
test duration:            240 seconds
using proxy:              no proxy

Thu Jun  8 08:29:34 2017:
slow HTTP test status on 15th second:

initializing:             0
pending:                  866
connected:                150
error:                    0
closed:                   1031
service available:        NO
```

- Refresh <https://10.1.20.11> to show the effects of the attack. [Note that since we are running locally from the Win7 system in a virtualized environment, you may be able to access the site, however it will be slower and often the GIFs will not load. An internet user would not be able to “fight through” the attack to get to the server as often as a system on the local LAN.]
- Stop the slowloris attack by using CTRL+C.
- Start a more effective Slow Read attack.

This attack is harder for DoS mitigation tools to mitigate and can be very effective even with a tiny number of concurrent connections trickling in very slowly to the server to fly below the radar of network detections. In our example we will open 10 connections per second and read the response data at 1 byte / sec. The attack would be effective even at 1 cps, it would just take a bit longer to build up the connections.

- From the **Attacker** CLI/shell start the slowread attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# ./slowread.sh
```

```
root@Attacker: ~/scripts
Thu Jun  8 08:34:52 2017:
slowhttptest version 1.6
- https://code.google.com/p/slowhttptest/ -
test type:                SLOW READ
number of connections:    4090
URL:                      https://10.1.20.11/bigtext.html
verb:                     GET
receive window range:     1 - 512
pipeline factor:          1
read rate from receive buffer: 5 bytes / 5 sec
connections per seconds:  10
probe connection timeout: 5 seconds
test duration:            3600 seconds
using proxy:              no proxy

Thu Jun  8 08:34:52 2017:
slow HTTP test status on 35th second:

initializing:             0
pending:                  80
connected:                259
error:                    0
closed:                   0
service available:        NO
█
```

As soon as the site is down (service available: NO), refresh <https://10.1.20.11> to show that it is down/slow/intermittent.

## Task 2 – Configure Protection/Mitigation, launch attack and view reports

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, access the **Server1** Protected Object.
- Enable SSL.
- Select the default certificate and key. In your environment you would select a valid/cert key for your application.
- Enable '**Encrypt Session to Server**' to avoid any server reconfiguration.
- Enable the **HTTPS** mitigation family.
- Click **Update**.

SSL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled SSL Certificate: default Key: default <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encrypt Connection to Server
Deployment Model	Traffic: Symmetric

<b>Capacity</b>	
Connection Limit	Infinite
Maximum Bandwidth	Infinite
Enable External Redirection	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Protection Settings</b>	
Action	Log And Mitigate
Silverline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Default Whitelist	No Address Selected <input type="text"/> Add IP address <input type="button" value="Add"/>
HTTP Whitelist	Use Default
DDoS Settings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IPv4 <input type="checkbox"/> IPv6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TCP <input type="checkbox"/> UDP <input type="checkbox"/> Sweep <input type="checkbox"/> DNS <input type="checkbox"/> SIP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HTTPS <input type="checkbox"/> L4 Behavioral

- View the Attacker CLI/shell. The slow read attack is now no longer showing the site as down (service available: YES) because Proactive Bot Detection has mitigated the attack.

```

root@Attacker: ~/scripts
Thu Jun  8 08:42:36 2017:
    slowhttptest version 1.6
- https://code.google.com/p/slowhttptest/ -
test type:                SLOW READ
number of connections:    4090
URL:                      https://10.1.20.11/bigtext.html
verb:                     GET
receive window range:    1 - 512
pipeline factor:          1
read rate from receive buffer: 5 bytes / 5 sec
connections per seconds:  10
probe connection timeout: 5 seconds
test duration:            3600 seconds
using proxy:              no proxy

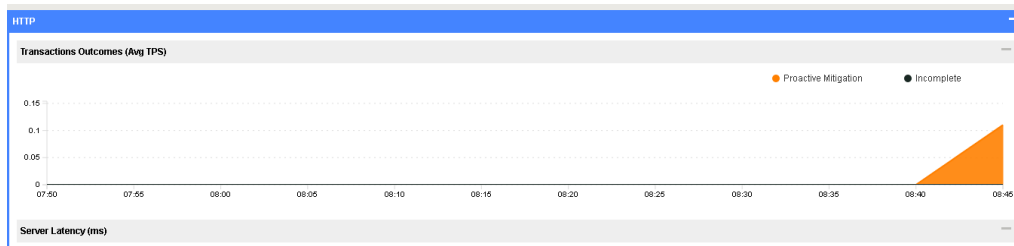
Thu Jun  8 08:42:36 2017:
slow HTTP test status on 500th second:

initializing:             0
pending:                  0
connected:                1755
error:                    0
closed:                   2335
service available:        YES

```

- Refresh <https://10.1.20.11> to see that the site behavior has returned to normal.
- You were able to mitigate an encrypted layer 7 attack quickly and with only a few simple steps.
- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, view various reports in the **Security>>Reporting>>DoS>>Analysis**
- **HTTP Report (Scroll towards the bottom) shows Proactive Mitigation.**





- Stop the Slow Read attack by using CTRL+C.

**This concludes your hands on labs. In this class you learned how to mitigated various DDoS attacks using F5 BIGIP Hybrid Defender (DHD).**



## Class 3: DDoS Hybrid Defender

DDoS Hybrid Defender, a hybrid DDoS solution that offers comprehensive protection, high availability, and is easy to deploy and manage. It guards against aggressive volumetric and targeted DDoS attacks, includes hardware-assisted DDoS mitigation, and optionally, connects with Silverline, a cloud-based scrubbing service.

This class covers the following topics:

- Initial Set-up, Device Configuration and working with basic device-level DDoS vectors to mitigate the most commonly encountered attacks. Then we will cover Auto-thresholding, bad actor detection, DNS reflection and amplification, real-time blackholing, mitigation of L7 floods, low-and-slow attacks and behavioral attacks.

### 4.1 DDoS Hybrid Defender Setup

In this module you will learn how to complete the setup of F5 Networks DDoS Hybrid Defender

#### 4.1.1 Lab 1 – DDoS Hybrid Defender Setup

##### Task 1 – Initial Set-up

- Login to the BIG-IP Configuration Utility via the desktop shortcut (DHD WEB GUI). You will land on the welcome page.

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**Note:** When you first power up a F5 DHD device you would go through the steps of Licensing and Provisioning. We have assigned the management IP, hostname, NTP and DNS servers. We have already licensed the device for you.

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- Review and Verify the following: **System -> Configuration -> Device -> NTP** page. This should be already populated with **pool.ntp.org**
- Review and Verify the following: **System -> Configuration -> Device -> DNS** page. This should be already populated with 8.8.8.8
- Click **System** and explore **Resource Provisioning** page.

Policy Enforcement (PEM)	<input type="checkbox"/> None	Unlicensed	16	1223
Advanced Firewall (AFM)	<input type="checkbox"/> None	Unlicensed	16	1043
Application Acceleration Manager (AAM)	<input type="checkbox"/> None	Unlicensed	32	2050
Secure Web Gateway (SWG)	<input type="checkbox"/> None	Unlicensed	24	4096
iRules Language Extensions (iRulesLX)	<input type="checkbox"/> None	Licensed	0	748
URLDB Minimal (URLDB)	<input type="checkbox"/> None	Unlicensed	36	2048
DDoS Protection (DOS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nominal	Licensed	20	1650

Revert Submit

**Note:** The above task ensures that you are using a purpose built DDoS Hybrid Defender. If you are familiar with other F5 Modules/Technology that you have used in the past, you will notice that we have none of those provisioned. We have a new section DDoS Protection only.

## Task 2 – DDoS Hybrid Defender iApp and Base Configuration

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page.
- If not already installed, Select Install RPM method of Onboard.
- Click **Install**.

DoS Protection » Quick Configuration

Import Package

Install Method: Use Onboard RPM

Install

- After the RPM is installed you will see the following:
- Open the About page.


DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » Protected Objects

Protected Objects | Logging | Silverline | Network Configuration | Global Settings | High Availability | **About**

- This page displays the current version of DDoS Hybrid Defender (DHD). You use this page to install and update the iApp LX version for DHD when newer versions are released.

DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » **About DDoS Hybrid Defender**

Protected Objects | Logging | Silverline | Network Configuration | Global Settings | High Availability | **About**

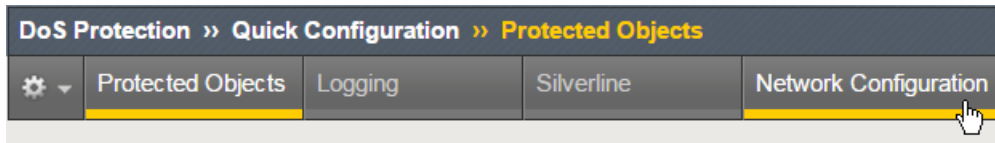
 **DDoS Hybrid Defender**  
13.0.0-2.0.96

Upgrade

File Name: Choose File No file chosen

Install

- Open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration Network Configuration** page.



- In the Default Network section click **default VLAN**.
- Configure the VLANs using following information, and then click **Done Editing**.

<b>Internal: VLAN Tag</b>	20
<b>Internal: Interfaces</b>	1.2 Untagged
<b>Internal: IP Address / Mask</b>	10.1.20.240/21 (Click <b>Add</b> )
<b>External: VLAN Tag</b>	10
<b>External: Interfaces</b>	1.1 Untagged (Click <b>Add</b> )

Default Network					
	VLAN Group	Network	VLAN Tag	Interfaces	IP Address / Mask (Port Lockdown)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">defaultVLAN</a>	Internal	20	1.2 (UnTagged)	10.1.20.240/21(Allow None)
		External	10	1.1 (UnTagged)	

- At the bottom of the page click **Update** to create the default network.
- Open the **Network > VLANs > VLAN Groups** page and click **defaultVLAN**.

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**Note:** A Bridged (VLAN Group) L2 configuration consistent with recommended practices for most deployments was automatically created. Also called “Bump in the Wire”. F5 can support Routed mode, SPAN and Netflow as well.

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- Open the **Network > DNS Resolvers > DNS Resolver** list page and click **Create**.
- Enter **default\_dns\_resolver** and then click **Finished**.
- A DNS resolver is required by bot signatures to allow for proper detection of benign search engines such as Google and Bing.
- On the Jumpbox desktop, SSH to the BIG-IP, it will log you in automatically as user `root`, using the shortcut.
- Verify DNS by typing the following:  

```
nslookup api.f5silverline.com
```
- Verify the Date by typing the following:  

```
date
```
- If the BIG-IP system date is not accurate, correct it using the following commands:

```
bigstart stop ntpd
ntpdate 10.1.1.254
bigstart start ntpd
```

### Task 3 – Explore DHD Device Bandwidth Thresholds

- In the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page, open the **Protected Objects** page.

- In the **Network Protection** section click **Create**.
- This page is where you would supply values to protect your bandwidth and integrate with Silverline or use BGP to change your routing to go through a scrubbing center.
- Click **Cancel** when done exploring the available settings.

The screenshot shows the 'DoS Protection' configuration page in the BIG-IP web interface. The breadcrumb trail is 'DoS Protection >> Quick Configuration >> Protected Objects'. The 'Protected Objects' tab is selected in the top navigation bar. Below this, there are two main sections: 'Device Protection' and 'Network Protection'.

**Device Protection:** A table with columns 'Name', 'DDoS Configurations', and 'Action'. It contains one entry: 'Device Configuration' with configurations 'Bad Headers, DNS, Flood, Fragmentation, Single Endpoint, SIP, Other' and action 'Log And Mitigate'.

**Network Protection:** This section contains several configuration fields:
 

- Maximum Bandwidth:** A dropdown set to 'Specify...', a text box with '500', and a unit dropdown set to 'Mbps'.
- Scrubbing Threshold:** A 'Type' dropdown set to 'Percentage', a 'Value' text box with '75', and a label '% of 500 Mbps'.
- Advertisement Method:** A dropdown set to 'Silverline'.
- Scrubber Details:** A 'Type' dropdown set to 'Advertise All', and two IP address fields: 'IPv4' with 'any' and 'IPv6' with 'any6'.

 There are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom left of this section.

**Protected Objects:** A table with columns: 'Name', 'Deployment Model', 'DDoS Configurations', 'Action', 'Silverline', 'IP Address', 'Port', and 'Protocol'. It shows 'No records to display'. A 'Create' button is at the top right of this section.

- That completes the initial setup for BIG-IP DDoS Hybrid Defender.

## 4.1.2 Lab 2 – Configuring Hybrid Defender DDoS protection

### Task 1 – Disable Device-Level DHD DoS Protection

In this lab you will disable **Device-level** DoS flood protection, and then issue an ICMPv4 flood and review the results.

- **PuTTY** to the **BIG-IP CLI** (10.1.1.245) from your jumpbox desktop shortcut and resize window by making it wider. You will be logged on as `root`.
- At the **config** prompt, type (or copy and paste) the following command:  

```
tcpdump -i 0.0 host 10.1.20.12
```
- **PuTTY** to the **Attacker** host from your jumpbox desktop shortcut. You will be logged in as **root**. It will use a **pre-loaded public key** as the credentials. Accept the warning.
- At the **config** prompt, type (or copy and paste) the following command:  

```
ping 10.1.20.12
```

The attacker can successfully communicate with a back-end resource behind the BIG-IP DHD.

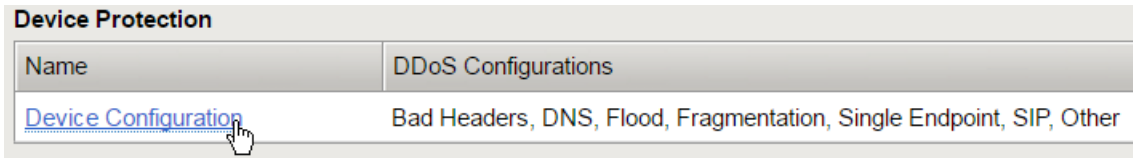
- Examine the **tcpdump** window and verify ICMP packets are flowing through the BIG-IP DHD.

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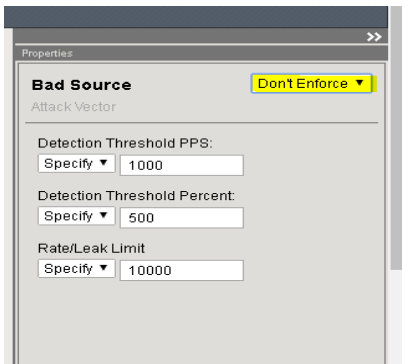
**Note:** The listener for the ICMP packets is the VLAN group.

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- Cancel the `ping` command, then verify the `tcpdump` stops receiving ICMP packets, and then press **Enter** several times to clear the recent log entries.
- In the Configuration Utility, in the **DoS Protection, Quick Configuration, Device Protection** section click **Device Configuration**.



- In the **Bad Headers** row click the **+** icon, and then click **Bad Source**.
- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to “Don’t Enforce”



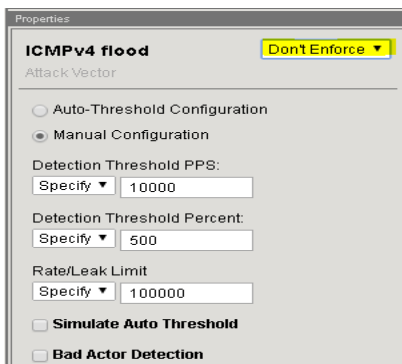
- In the **Flood** row click the **+** icon, and then click **ICMPv4 flood**.

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**Note:** If you minimize by clicking the **+** icon, it will make seeing the other sections easier.

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- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to “Don’t Enforce”



- Apply the settings above for **TCP SYN flood** and **UDP Flood** and then click **Update**.
- On the Jumpbox in the **Attacker** PuTTY window type (or copy and paste) the following:

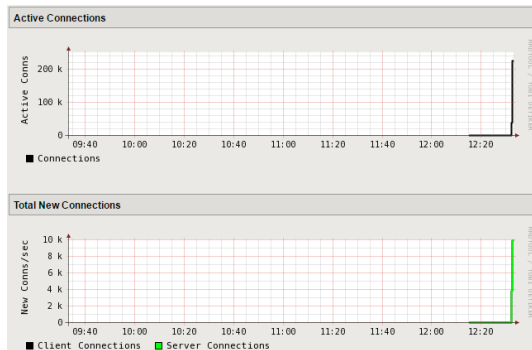
```
# cd scripts
# ls
```

These are the different scripts we’ll be using during the exercises to simulate DoS attacks.

- Type (or copy and paste) the following commands:
- ```
for i in {1..10}; do ./icmpflood.sh; done
```

This script launches 1,000,000 ICMP requests and then repeats for a total of ten occurrences.

- View the `tcpdump` window and verify that ICMP attack traffic is reaching the back-end server.
- Let the attack run for about 15 seconds before moving on.
- In the Configuration Utility, open the **Statistics > Performance > Performance** page.
- View the Active Connections and Total New Connections charts.
- There is a drastic spike in active connections.



- View the Throughput (bits) and Throughput (packets) charts.

There is also a drastic spike in both bits per second and packets per second.

- Open the **Security > Event Logs > DoS > Network > Events** page.

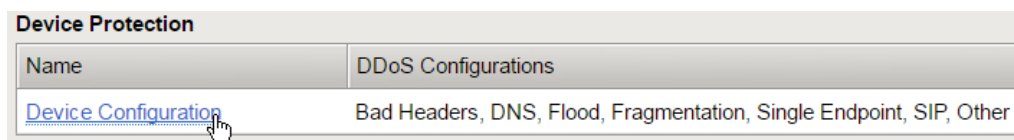
The log file is empty as we disabled device-level flood protection on BIG-IP DHD.

- On the Jumpbox **Attacker** shell slowly type **Ctrl + C** several times until back at the `scripts` prompt.

## Task 2 – Re-enable Device-Level DHD DoS Protection

In this task you will re-configure **device-level** DoS protection, and then issue an ICMPv4 flood and review the results.

- In the Configuration Utility, in the **Device Protection** section click **Device Configuration**.



- In the **Bad Headers** row click the + icon, and then click **Bad Source**.
- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to **“Enforce”**



Properties

**Bad Source** Enforce ▼

Attack Vector

Detection Threshold PPS:  
Specify ▼ 1000

Detection Threshold Percent:  
Specify ▼ 500

Rate/Leak Limit  
Specify ▼ 10000

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**Note:** Bad Source is enabled to be able to add the IP addresses to the blacklist.

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- In the **Flood** row click the + icon, and then click **ICMPv4 flood**.
- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to “**Enforce**”

Properties

**ICMPv4 flood** Enforce ▼

Attack Vector

☐ Auto-Threshold Configuration  
☒ Manual Configuration

Detection Threshold PPS:  
Specify ▼ 10000

Detection Threshold Percent:  
Specify ▼ 500

Rate/Leak Limit  
Specify ▼ 100000

☐ Simulate Auto Threshold  
☐ Bad Actor Detection

- Apply the settings above for **TCP SYN flood** and **UDP Flood** and then click **Update**.

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**Note:** This returns the configuration back to factory supplied device level enforcement.

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### Task 3 – Configure Protected Object-Level IPv4 Flood DHD DoS Protection

The DHD device wide protection is enforced for all traffic flowing through the device. For more granular control, we use **protected objects** and configure mitigation settings for those objects to be enforced. In this task you will configure **object-level** DoS IPv4 flood protection, and then issue an ICMPv4 flood and review the results.

- On the Protect Objects page, in the Protected Objects section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

|                                           |                  |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Name</b>                               | ServerNet        |
| <b>IP Address</b>                         | 10.1.20.0/24     |
| <b>Port</b>                               | *                |
| <b>Protocol</b>                           | All Protocols    |
| <b>Protection Settings: Action</b>        | Log and Mitigate |
| <b>Protection Settings: DDoS Settings</b> | IPv4             |

- In the **IPv4** row click the **+** icon, and then click **ICMPv4 flood**.
- On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click **Create** at the bottom of the page.

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Detection Threshold PPS</b>     | Specify: 1000 |
| <b>Detection Threshold Percent</b> | Infinite      |
| <b>Rate/Leak Limit</b>             | Specify: 1000 |

- On the Jumpbox in the **Attacker** PuTTY window re-run the following command:  

```
for i in {1..10}; do ./icmpflood.sh; done
```
- Examine the `tcpdump` window to see if there are any ICMP packets hitting the back-end server.
- Let the attack run for about 30 seconds before moving on.
- In the Configuration Utility, click **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration > ServerNet**, and then in the **IPv4** row click the **+** icon.

| Vector                           | Detection Threshold PPS | Detection Threshold Percent | Rate Limit | Bad Actor                | Current | 1 min. Average | 1 hr Average |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|
| <a href="#">Host Unreachable</a> | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0       | 0              | 0            |
| <a href="#">ICMP Fragment</a>    | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0       | 0              | 0            |
| <a href="#">ICMPv4 flood</a>     | 1000                    | Infinite                    | 1000       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 48310   | 36705          | 4            |

- Open the **Security > Event Logs > DoS > Network > Events** page.
- The DoS Source is **Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS**.
- The context column displays **/Common/ServerNet**, identifying this is protected object-level protection.
- The action is **Drop**.
- On the Jumpbox Attacker shell slowly type **Ctrl + C** several times until back at the `scripts` prompt.
- In the BIG-IP CLI type **Ctrl + C** to stop the `tcpdump`.

### 4.1.3 Lab 3 – Start Baseline Traffic Generation

#### Task 1 – Create Protected Objects that the baseline traffic will be targeting

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection>>Quick Configuration** page and in the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Name                               | Server5          |
| IP Address                         | 10.1.20.15       |
| Port                               | *                |
| Protocol                           | All Protocols    |
| VLAN                               | Any              |
| Protection Settings: Action        | Log and Mitigate |
| Protection Settings: Silverline    | (un-selected)    |
| Protection Settings: DDoS Settings | IPv4, TCP        |

DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » Create Protected Object

**Protected Object**

|                   |                                         |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Name              | Server5                                 |
| IP Address / Mask | 10.1.20.15                              |
| Port              | *                                       |
| Protocol          | All Protocols                           |
| VLAN              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any |
| SSL               | <input type="checkbox"/> Enabled        |
| Deployment Model  | Traffic : Symmetric                     |

**Capacity**

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Connection Limit            | Infinite                 |
| Maximum Bandwidth           | Infinite                 |
| Enable External Redirection | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Protection Settings**

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Action            | Log And Mitigate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Silverline        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Default Whitelist | No Address Selected<br>Add IP address <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| HTTP Whitelist    | Use Default                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| DDoS Settings     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IPv4 <input type="checkbox"/> IPv6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TCP <input type="checkbox"/> UDP <input type="checkbox"/> Sweep <input type="checkbox"/> DNS <input type="checkbox"/> SIP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTPS <input type="checkbox"/> L4 Behavioral |

**IPv4**

**TCP**

- This protected object will be used for the Auto-Thresholding lab.

| Protected Objects |                  |                     |                  |                                     |            | Protected Object |          |  | Create |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------|----------|--|--------|
| Name              | Deployment Model | DDoS Configurations | Action           | Silverline                          | IP Address | Port             | Protocol |  |        |
| Server5           | Symmetric        | IPv4, TCP           | Log And Mitigate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 10.1.20.15 | Any              | ANY      |  |        |

## Task 2 – Run Scripts to start L4 traffic generation – Good Traffic

- Putty SSH (use the desktop shortcut) to open a shell to the **good client system**.
- Accept the SSH Warning.
- You will be logged in as user : `root`. The session is preconfigured to authenticate with a certificate.

- Start the auto-threshold baselining script with:

```
# cd ~/scripts
# ./baseline_l4.sh
```

#### 4.1.4 Lab 4 - Multi-vector Demo

In this simple demo you will launch a small number of network attacks and show the configuration, logging and reporting capabilities of the Hybrid Defender. The point of this demo is to provide context for a UI walkthrough with some live data.

##### Task 1 - Access DoS Quick Configuration and display the ServerNet protected object

This protected object is defending all ports/protocols for 10.1.20.0/24, which is the network behind the Hybrid Defender. Attacks will be launched at 10.1.20.12, which is an interface on the LAMP server. Verify that the following vectors are configured:

- Add the TCP vectors under DDoS Settings.

| IPv4                                               |                         |                             |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Vector                                             | Detection Threshold PPS | Detection Threshold Percent | Rate Limit |
| <a href="#">Host Unreachable</a>                   | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">ICMP Fragment</a>                      | 1000                    | 500                         | 2000       |
| <a href="#">ICMPv4 flood</a>                       | 1000                    | 500                         | 2000       |
| <a href="#">IP Fragment Flood</a>                  | 1000                    | 500                         | 2000       |
| <a href="#">IP Option Frames</a>                   | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TIDCMP</a>                             | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TTL &lt;= &lt;tunable&gt;</a>          | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| TCP                                                |                         |                             |            |
| Vector                                             | Detection Threshold PPS | Detection Threshold Percent | Rate Limit |
| <a href="#">Option Present With Illegal Length</a> | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP Bad URG</a>                        | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP Half Open</a>                      | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP Option Overruns TCP Header</a>     | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP PSH Flood</a>                      | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP RST Flood</a>                      | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP SYN ACK Flood</a>                  | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP SYN Flood</a>                      | 1000                    | 500                         | 2000       |
| <a href="#">TCP SYN Oversize</a>                   | 100                     | 500                         | 200        |
| <a href="#">TCP Window Size</a>                    | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">Unknown TCP Option Type</a>            | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |

- Click **Update** when finished.

You will now launch the attacks and show the behavior

- Open the following tabs in the DHD UI:
- **DoS Protection->Quick Configuration->ServerNet**
- **Security->DoS Protection->DoS Overview** (leave the filter at default: 'DoS Attack')

- **Statistics->DoS Visibility**

- Access the **Attacker** shell and run the following commands/attack

```
# cd ~/scripts
# ./multivector.sh
```

- Click **Refresh** on the DoS Overview page. You will see some attacks mitigated by **Device Configuration** and some mitigated by the more specific settings on the **ServerNet Protected Object**.

Security » DoS Protection : DoS Overview

DoS Overview

DoS Profiles

Device Configuration

Eviction Policy List

Behavioral Signatures

Context Filter

Filter Type

DoS Attack

Auto Refresh

Disabled

Refresh

Enter Vector Name

T

Attack Status

Average Aggregate PPS

Dropped PPS

Detection Threshold PPS

Rate Limit Threshold PPS

| Profile           | Attack Vector     | State    | Layer   | Virtual Server | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Current | 5 min | 1 hour | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Threshold Mode | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Detect Threshold % | Aggregate | Bad Actor |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| ServerNet         | ICMPv4 flood      | Enforced | NETWORK | ServerNet      | Dropped   | None      | 13384   | 6502  | 17     | 12384     | 0         | Manual         | 1000      | Infinite  | 500                | 2000      | Infinite  |
| dos-device-config | TCP bad ACK flood | Enforced | NETWORK | N/A            | Dropped   | None      | 11844   | 6071  | 0      | 11444     | 0         | Manual         | 100       | 10        | 500                | 200       | 20        |
| ServerNet         | TCP SYN flood     | Enforced | NETWORK | ServerNet      | Dropped   | None      | 24960   | 11944 | 40     | 22960     | 0         | Manual         | 1000      | Infinite  | 500                | 2000      | Infinite  |
| ServerNet         | TCP SYN Oversize  | Enforced | NETWORK | ServerNet      | Dropped   | None      | 1003    | 484   | 0      | 803       | 0         | Manual         | 100       | Infinite  | 500                | 200       | Infinite  |
| dos-device-config | TCP SYN Oversize  | Enforced | NETWORK | N/A            | Detected  | None      | 10850   | 5569  | 124    | 0         | 0         | Manual         | 1000      | 100       | 500                | Infinite  | 1000      |

Navigate to **Security->Event Logs->DoS->Network->Events**.

- Click on “custom search. . .” link.
- Drag one of the values from the “Attack Type” column into the custom search builder. From the Action column, drag Drop into the search builder. Click “Search”.

Security » Event Logs : DoS : Network : Events

Network

DoS

Bot Defense

Logging Profiles

Type

TCP SYN Oversize

Action

Drop

Search

Reset Search

| Time                | DoS Mode | DoS Source                                                                | Context           | Event          | Type             | Action | Attack ID  | Packets In / sec | Dropped Packets |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|--------|------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 2017-01-29 12:06:56 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled | TCP SYN Oversize | Drop   | 2275007807 | 528              | 428             |
| 2017-01-29 12:06:56 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled | TCP SYN Oversize | Drop   | 2275007807 | 516              | 416             |
| 2017-01-29 12:06:55 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled | TCP SYN Oversize | Drop   | 2275007807 | 458              | 358             |
| 2017-01-29 12:06:55 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled | TCP SYN Oversize | Drop   | 2275007807 | 567              | 467             |
| 2017-01-29 12:06:54 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled | TCP SYN Oversize | Drop   | 2275007807 | 483              | 383             |
| 2017-01-29 12:06:54 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled | TCP SYN Oversize | Drop   | 2275007807 | 461              | 361             |
| 2017-01-29 12:06:53 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled | TCP SYN Oversize | Drop   | 2275007807 | 486              | 386             |
| 2017-01-29 12:06:53 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled | TCP SYN Oversize | Drop   | 2275007807 | 506              | 406             |
| 2017-01-29 12:06:52 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled | TCP SYN Oversize | Drop   | 2275007807 | 498              | 398             |
| 2017-01-29 12:06:52 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled | TCP SYN Oversize | Drop   | 2275007807 | 476              | 376             |
| 2017-01-29 12:06:51 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIP's, VS-Specific attack, metric:PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled | TCP SYN Oversize | Drop   | 2275007807 | 516              | 416             |

- Further explore the DoS Event logs. For example, clear the search and identify the “Stop” and “Start” times for an attack, etc.

## Task 2 – View the DoS Visibility Page

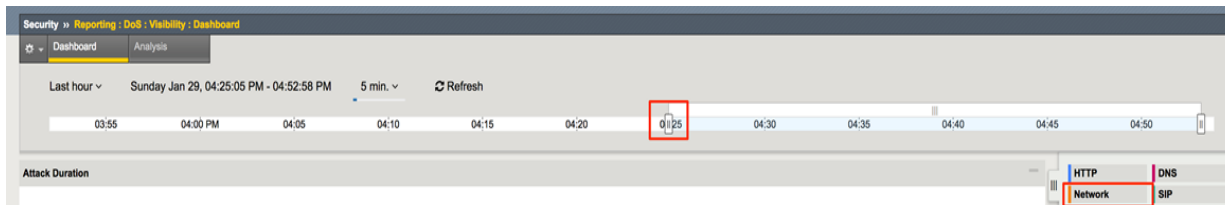
You can now use the new DoS Visibility page to view statistics about the DoS attacks you submitted during this exercise.

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, access the DoS Visibility reporting tool at **Statistics->DoS Visibility**.

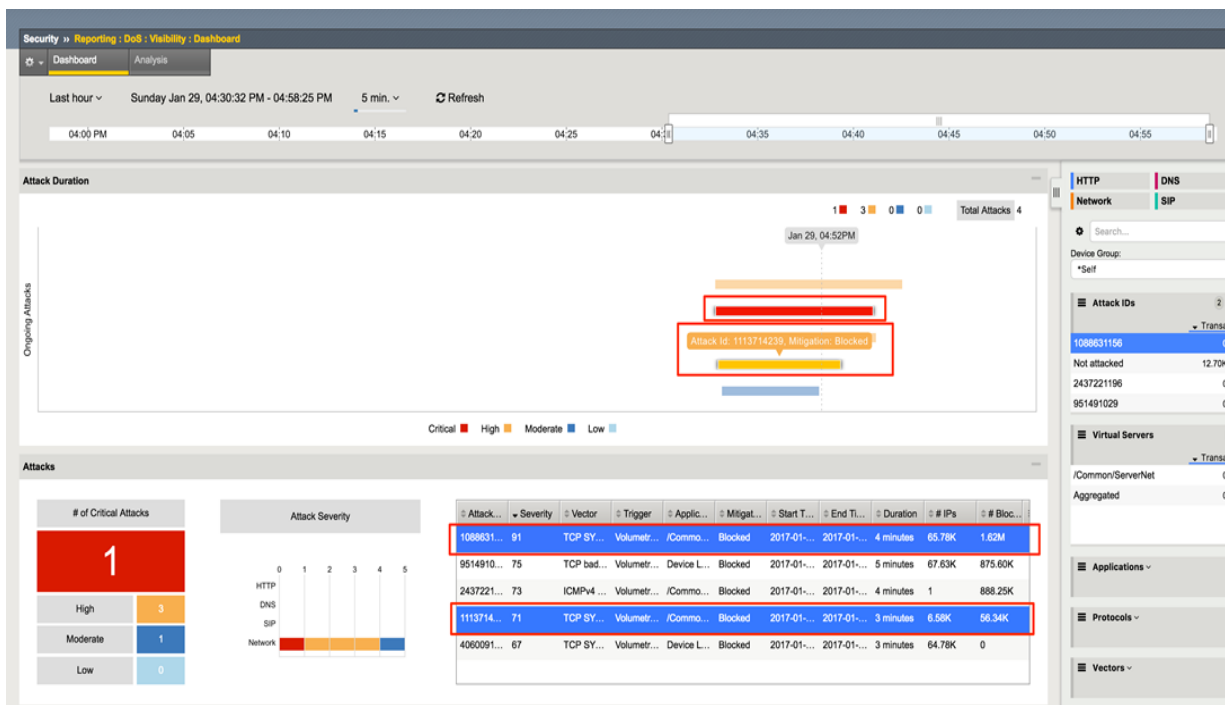
**Note:** DoS Visibility is a reporting tool, not a real-time monitoring tool. Events are displayed, much like other AVR-based reporting, in 5 minute windows. Do not expect events to be shown here immediately after

running an attack. Quicker/real-time monitoring of on-going DoS attacks is best accomplished in the DoS Event Logs and DoS Overview areas of the WebUI.

- You should see the attacks in the timeline and a variety of details in the windows. Use the slider to shorten the timeframe if needed. You might have to hit refresh several times.



- You can select events from the timeline and see details about the attacks.



- In the **Attack Duration** window view the attack.
  - Scroll down in the left-side of the page to view the **Attacks** section.
- View the details at the bottom of the **Attacks** section.

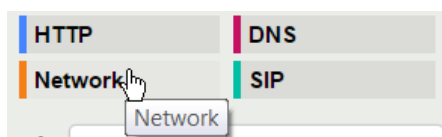
| Attack ID  | Severity | Vector      | Trigger      | Application | Mitigation | Start Time   | End Time     | Duration     | # IPs  | # Blocked |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|-----------|
| 1786277... | 93       | ICMPv4 f... | Volumetri... | /Common...  | Blocked    | Nov 04, 2... | Nov 04, 2... | 5 minutes    | 23.78K | 2.70M     |
| 990065059  | 91       | Sweep at... | Volumetri... | /Common...  | Blocked    | Nov 04, 2... | Nov 04, 2... | a few sec... | 4      | 11.57K    |
| 1129932332 | 89       | Sweep at... | Volumetri... | /Common...  | Blocked    | Nov 04, 2... | Nov 04, 2... | a minute     | 1      | 1.45M     |
| 3806754... | 87       | UDP flood   | Volumetri... | /Common...  | Blocked    | Nov 04, 2... | Nov 04, 2... | 7 minutes    | 10     | 5.71M     |
| 2468343011 | 87       | Sweep at... | Volumetri... | /Common...  | Blocked    | Nov 04, 2... | Nov 04, 2... | a few sec... | 4      | 11.17K    |
| 2228478... | 79       | ICMPv4 f... | Volumetri... | Device L... | Blocked    | Nov 04, 2... | Nov 04, 2... | 2 minutes    | 4      | 5.22K     |

This table displays details of each attack that has occurred.

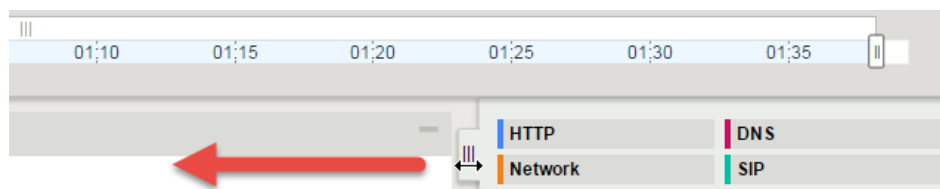
- Sort this table by **Vector**.

| Attack ID  | Severity | Vector    | Trigger      | A  |
|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|----|
| 3806754... | 87       | UDP flood | Volumetri... | /C |

- Scroll down in the left-side of the page to view the **Virtual Servers** section.  
You can see the details of device-wide attacks (**Device Level**) and protected object-level attacks (**/Common/ServerNet**).
- Scroll down in the left-side of the page to view the **Countries** section.
- View the details at the bottom of the **Countries** section. This table displays the attack details from each country.
- View the various widgets in the panel on the right-side of the page.
- Click **Network** to filter out only the network-level attacks (all the attacks so far have been network-level).



- If it's not already expanded, expand the **Virtual Servers** widget, and then select **/Common/ServerNet**.
- This filters the results to only attacks at this protected object-level. Notice the changes to the map on in the **Countries** section.
- Click **/Common/ServerNet** to remove the filter.
- Drag the resize handle on the right-side of the main window as far to the left as possible.



- Expand the **Vectors** widget, and then select **ICMPv4 flood**.
- Expand the **Client IP Addresses** widget.

Question: How many client IP addresses contributed to this attack?

- Expand the **Countries** widget.
- Sort the countries by **Dropped Requests**.

| Countries ^   |            |         |            |             |
|---------------|------------|---------|------------|-------------|
|               | Transac... | Drop... | Allowed... | Total Re... |
| Unrecognized  | 0          | 5.44M   | 1.67M      | 7.12M       |
| United States | 0          | 1M      | 12.90K     | 1.01M       |
| China         | 0          | 214.86K | 2.87K      | 217.73K     |

- Select **China**, and then view the changes to both the **Client IP Addresses** widget and the map.
- At the top of the page open the **Analysis** page.

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**Note:** The requests are still filtered for the ICMPv4 flood results for China.

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- Drag the resize handle on the as far to the right as possible.
- Examine the Avg Throughput (Bits per second) graph.
- Place your mouse over the peak in the graph.

Question: What is the **Average client in throughput** during the attack?

- Feel free to examine more of the **Dashboard** page and the **Analysis** page.
- Type **Ctrl + C** to stop the attack.

## 4.1.5 Lab 5 - Bad Actor Detection Demo

In this demo you will run an attack from specific IP addresses. The Hybrid Defender will be configured to perform bad actor detection, limit the attack on a per-IP basis with more aggressive thresholds and then, based on this detection, automatically blacklist the offending IP address adding them to the (hardware-accelerated) dynamic blacklist.

### Task 1 - Open the following tabs in the DHD UI

- **DoS Protection->Quick Configuration->ServerNet**
- **Security->DoS Protection->DoS Overview** (leave filter at default: "DoS Attack")
- **Statistics->DoS Visibility**
- **Security->Event Logs->Network->IP Intelligence**

### Task 2 – Configure the following UDP Flood vectors for ServerNet

- **DoS Protection->Quick Configuration->ServerNet**

**Set the following:** DDoS Settings: UDP, Sweep

- Click **UDP Flood**
  - Detection Threshold PPS: 1000
  - Detection Threshold Percent: 500
  - Rate Limit: 2000
- Bad Actor Detection - Check
  - Per Source IP Detection PPS: 100
  - Per Source IP Rate Limit PPS: 2000
- Blacklist Attacking Address
  - Detection Time: 15
  - Duration: 120



DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » ServerNet

**Protected Object**

Name: ServerNet  
 IP Address / Mask: 10.1.20.0/24  
 Port: 0  
 Protocol: All Protocols  
 VLAN: Any  
 SSL: Enabled  
 Deployment Model: Traffic / Symmetric

**Capacity**

Connection Limit: Infinite  
 Maximum Bandwidth: Specify 200 Mbps  
 Enable External Redirection: ☒  
 Scrubbing Threshold: Percentage 90 % of 200 Mbps  
 Scrubbing: Silverline

**Protection Settings**

Action: Log And Mitigate  
 Silverline: ☒  
 Default Whitelist: No Address Selected  
 HTTP Whitelist: Use Default  
 Server Health: ☒  
 DDoS Settings: ☒ IPv4 ☐ IPv6 ☒ TCP ☒ UDP ☒ Sweep ☐ DNS ☐ SIP ☐ HTTP ☐ HTTPS ☐ L4 Behavioral

**IPv4**

**TCP**

**UDP**

**Current Device Statistics**

| Vector    | Detection Threshold PPS | Detection Threshold Percent | Rate Limit | Bad Actor                           | Current | 1 min. Average | 1 hr. Average |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|---------|----------------|---------------|
| UDP Flood | 1000                    | 500                         | 2000       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 0       | 0              | 0             |

**Properties**

**UDP Flood** Enforce

☐ Auto-Threshold Configuration  
☒ Manual Configuration

Detection Threshold PPS: Specify 1000  
 Detection Threshold Percent: Specify 500  
 Rate Limit: Specify 2000

☐ Simulate Auto Threshold  
☒ Bad Actor Detection

Per Source IP Detection (PPS): Specify 100  
 Per Source IP Rate Limit (PPS): Specify 2000

☒ Blacklist Attacking Address  
 Blacklist Category: denial\_of\_service

Detection Time: 15 seconds  
 Duration: 120 seconds  
☐ Allow Advertisement

- Click **Update** when finished.
- Access the **Attacker** system CLI and run the UDP flood attack:

```
# cd ~/scripts
# ./udp_flood.sh
```

From the menu, select '1' to start the attack

```
root@attacker-a:~/scripts# ./udp_flood.sh

1)Attack start
2)Attack end
3)Quit

# ?
```

**Note:** This attack is relatively short-lived. You can launch it again if the attack ends and you are not finished viewing the various reports. Simply type '1' again, to re-run the attack.

- In the Hybrid Defender UI, show the **Security > DoS Protection > DoS Overview** page. Note the blocks by Bad Actor.

Security

DoS Protection : DoS Overview

DoS Overview

DoS Profiles

Device Configuration

Eviction Policy List

Behavioral Signatures

Context Filter

Filter Type

DoS Attack

Auto Refresh

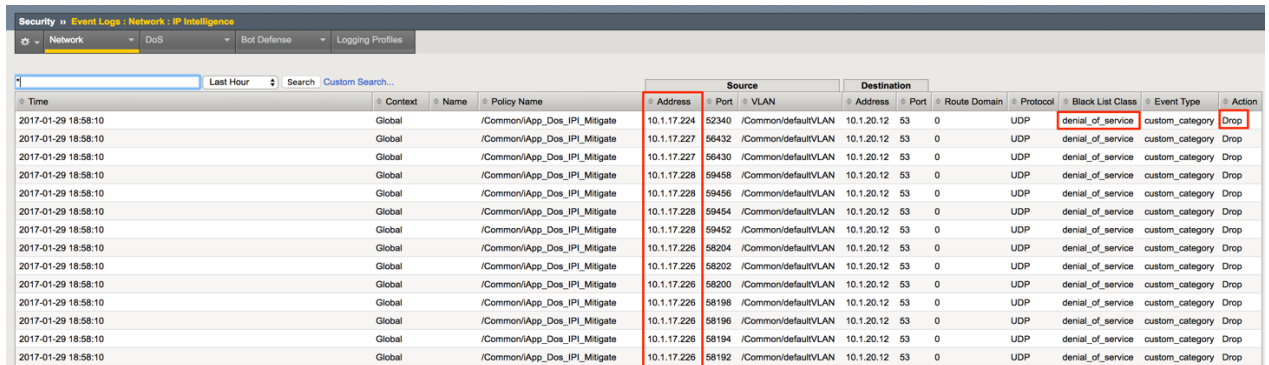
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Enter Vector Name

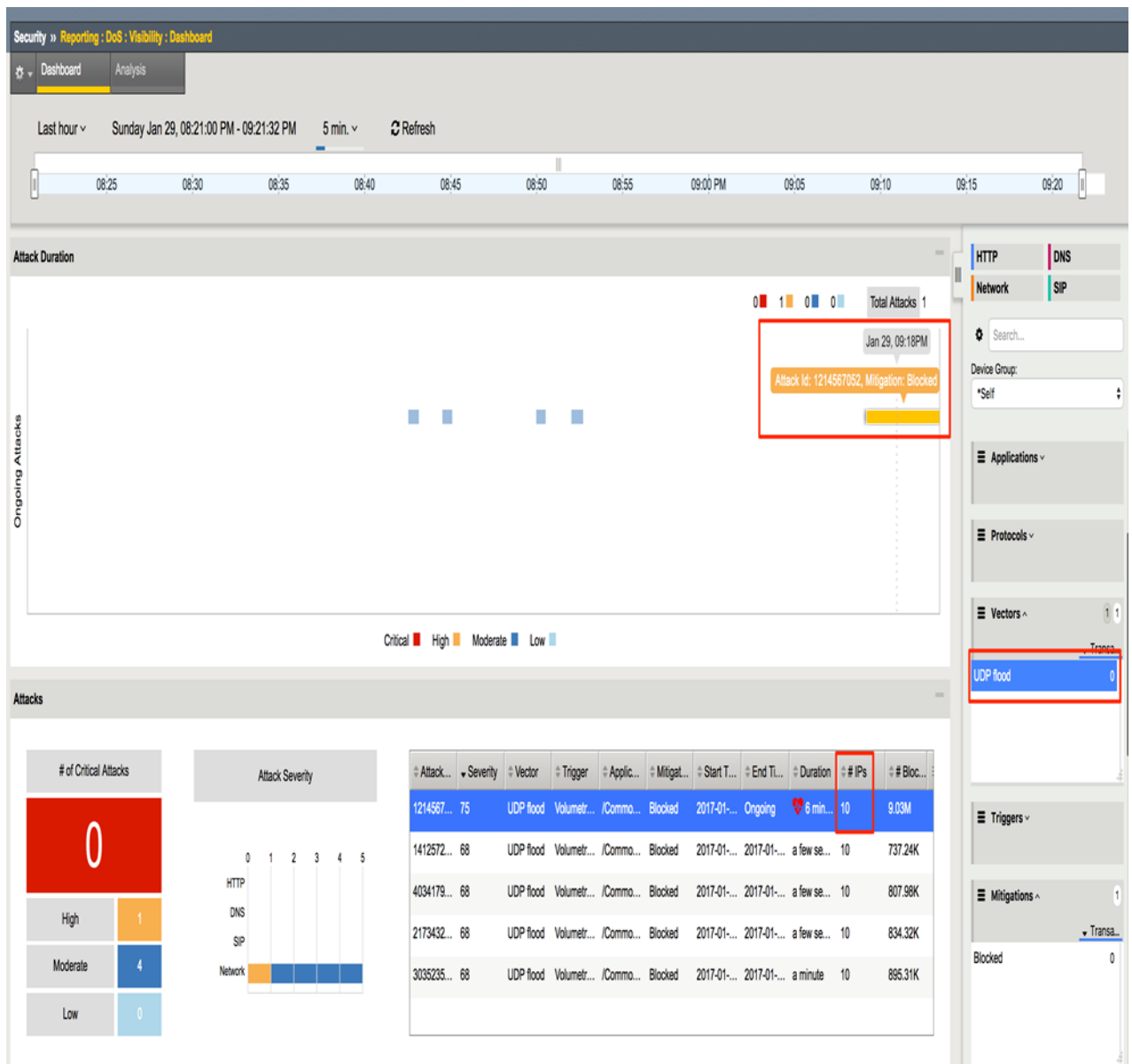
| Profile   | Attack Vector | State    | Layer   | Virtual Server | Attack Status |           | Average Aggregate PPS |       |        | Dropped PPS |           | Detection Threshold PPS |           |           | Rate Limit Threshold PPS |           |           |
|-----------|---------------|----------|---------|----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|           |               |          |         |                | Aggregate     | Bad Actor | Current               | 5 min | 1 hour | Aggregate   | Bad Actor | Threshold Mode          | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Detect Threshold %       | Aggregate | Bad Actor |
| ServerNet | UDP flood     | Enforced | NETWORK | ServerNet      | None          | Dropped   | 2000                  | 546   | 0      | 5           | 33892     | Manual                  | 1000      | 100       | 500                      | 2000      | 200       |

- In the Hybrid Defender UI, show the **Security > Event Logs > Network > IP Intelligence** Event Logs. Note the IP addresses that are being added to the denial\_of\_service blacklist.



| Time                | Context | Name                           | Policy Name | Source      |       |                     | Destination |      |              | Protocol | Black List Class  | Event Type      | Action |
|---------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|---------------------|-------------|------|--------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|
|                     |         |                                |             | Address     | Port  | VLAN                | Address     | Port | Route Domain |          |                   |                 |        |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.224 | 52340 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.227 | 56432 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.227 | 56430 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.228 | 59458 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.228 | 59456 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.228 | 59454 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.228 | 59452 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.226 | 58204 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.226 | 58202 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.226 | 58200 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.226 | 58198 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.226 | 58196 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.226 | 58194 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |
| 2017-01-29 18:58:10 | Global  | /Common/App_Dos_IPInt_Mitigate |             | 10.1.17.226 | 58192 | /Common/defaultVLAN | 10.1.20.12  | 53   | 0            | UDP      | denial_of_service | custom_category | Drop   |

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, show the **Statistics > DoS Visibility**. Expand the Vectors inspector and select UDP Flood. When it updates, select a flood from the timeline. Note in the Attacks panel the #IPs blocked is 10.



From the menu, select '2' to end the attack

or

```
# sudo bash
# killall -9 hping3
```

## 4.1.6 Lab 6 – Using Auto Thresholding

This exercise will simulate a newly configured Protected Object where the security administrator is unsure what values to assign to a few common vectors. Note that auto-thresholding is useful at both the Device and Protected Object levels.

**Note:** This demo may place significant stress on the demo environment. This may make the DHD UI less responsive. This is unavoidable since for auto-thresholding to block, the attack must be damaging

enough to cause stress, which will push the CPU on the Virtual Environment very high. Remember that this is a virtual environment with minimal resources for lab under high stress and that the Hybrid Defender appliances mitigate these attacks in dedicated hardware.

## Task 1 – Configure Auto Thresholding

- On the **Good Client**, if you have not already done so, start the network baselining. This step is needed if you didn't start the good traffic generation in Exercise 3 or accidentally stopped it.

```
# cd ~/scripts
# ./baseline_l4.sh
```

- In the Hybrid Defender UI, in Quick Configuration, select the **Server5** Protected Object and verify that the IPv4 and TCP vectors are all at default thresholds with auto-threshold disabled:

| Setting                  | Value     |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| All Detection Thresholds | 30000 pps |
| All Rate Limits          | Infinite  |
| Auto Thresholding        | Disabled  |

| IPv4                                               |                         |                             |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Vector                                             | Detection Threshold PPS | Detection Threshold Percent | Rate Limit |
| <a href="#">Host Unreachable</a>                   | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">ICMP Fragment</a>                      | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">ICMPv4 flood</a>                       | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">IP Fragment Flood</a>                  | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">IP Option Frames</a>                   | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TIDCMP</a>                             | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TTL &lt;= &lt;tunable&gt;</a>          | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| TCP                                                |                         |                             |            |
| Vector                                             | Detection Threshold PPS | Detection Threshold Percent | Rate Limit |
| <a href="#">Option Present With Illegal Length</a> | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP Flags-Bad URG</a>                  | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP Half Open</a>                      | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP Option Overruns TCP Header</a>     | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP PUSH Flood</a>                     | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP RST Flood</a>                      | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP SYN ACK Flood</a>                  | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP SYN Flood</a>                      | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP SYN Oversize</a>                   | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">TCP Window Size</a>                    | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |
| <a href="#">Unknown TCP Option Type</a>            | 30000                   | 500                         | Infinite   |

- In the Hybrid Defender CLI (BIGIP ssh window), restart auto-thresholding:

```
# tmsh run security dos device-config auto-threshold-relearn
# tmsh run security dos virtual name Server5 auto-threshold-relearn
```

In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, in the **Server5** Protected Object configuration, enable auto-thresholding for the following vectors: **ICMPv4 Flood**, **TCP SYN Flood**, **TCP Push Flood**, **TCP RST Flood**, **TCP SYN ACK Flood** by selecting each vector and **clicking the Auto-Threshold Configuration radio button**. When all vectors are configured, click **Update** at the bottom of the screen.

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, view the Auto Threshold event log by navigating to **Security>>Event Logs>>DoS>>Network>>Auto Threshold**.

| Time                | Context        | Threshold Type               | Attack Type      | Old Value  | New Value  | Event                 |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 2017-06-08 06:42:04 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP Push Flood   | 1692158077 | 4284967295 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:42:04 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | ICMPv4 flood     | 1692158077 | 4284967295 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:42:04 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP RST flood    | 1692158077 | 4284967295 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:42:04 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP SYNACK flood | 1692158077 | 4284967295 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:42:04 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP SYN flood    | 1692158077 | 4284967295 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:42:03 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP Push Flood   | 4284967295 | 1692158077 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:42:03 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | ICMPv4 flood     | 4284967295 | 1692158077 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:42:03 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP RST flood    | 4284967295 | 1692158077 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:42:03 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP SYNACK flood | 4284967295 | 1692158077 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:42:03 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP SYN flood    | 4284967295 | 1692158077 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:41:55 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP Push Flood   | 3279579570 | 4284967295 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:41:55 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | ICMPv4 flood     | 3279579570 | 4284967295 | Network AutoDoS Event |

The system is updating the detection thresholds. With auto-thresholding, the system adjusts the detection thresholds based on observed traffic patterns. However, mitigation rate limits are always dynamic based on detected system or protected object stress. If anomalous levels of traffic are running, but there is no stress, the Hybrid Defender will generate alerts but will not block traffic. Under stress, the rate limits are automatically created and adjusted dynamically.

## Task 2 – Create Stress to trigger Auto Thresholding and view Reports

- Let's create some stress with a Flood attack. In the **Attacker** CLI start the auto-threshold flood:

```
# cd ~/scripts
# ./autot_flood.sh
```

This is a long duration attack. You can terminate it with Ctrl+C when finished.

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, review the Auto Threshold event log. You will see that Rate limits are being automatically set and adjusted to mitigate the flood attack.

| Time                | Context        | Threshold Type               | Attack Type      | Old Value  | New Value  | Event                 |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 2017-06-08 06:46:49 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP Push Flood   | 3798781747 | 995        | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:49 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | ICMPv4 flood     | 3798781747 | 995        | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:49 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP RST flood    | 3798781747 | 995        | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:49 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP SYNACK flood | 3798781747 | 995        | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:49 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP SYN flood    | 3798781747 | 995        | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:48 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP Push Flood   | 783187     | 3798781747 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:48 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | ICMPv4 flood     | 783187     | 3798781747 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:48 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP RST flood    | 783187     | 3798781747 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:48 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP SYNACK flood | 783187     | 3798781747 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:48 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP SYN flood    | 783187     | 3798781747 | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:47 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP Push Flood   | 18         | 783187     | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:47 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | ICMPv4 flood     | 18         | 783187     | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:47 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP RST flood    | 18         | 783187     | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:47 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP SYNACK flood | 18         | 783187     | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:47 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP SYN flood    | 18         | 783187     | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:45 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP Push Flood   | 16465      | 18         | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:45 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | ICMPv4 flood     | 16465      | 18         | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:45 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP RST flood    | 16465      | 18         | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:45 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP SYNACK flood | 16465      | 18         | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:44 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP SYN flood    | 16465      | 18         | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:44 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | TCP Push Flood   | 1428120641 | 16465      | Network AutoDoS Event |
| 2017-06-08 06:46:44 | /CommonServer5 | DoS Auto RateLimit Threshold | ICMPv4 flood     | 1428120641 | 16465      | Network AutoDoS Event |

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, view the DoS Overview. Note that the ICMP Flood attack is being mitigated and the rate limit thresholds for each of the auto-threshold vectors have been adjusted based on stress, including vectors that are not detecting or blocking an attack.

| Profile           | Attack Vector                     | State    | Layer   | Virtual Server | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Current | 1 min | 1 hour | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Threshold Mode | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Detect Threshold % | Aggregate | Bad Actor |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| dos-device-config | dps-common/sg_23230_200_146929634 | Enforced | L4 BDOs | N/A            | Detected  | None      | 3953    | 15671 | 2      | 0         | 0         | N/A            | 150       | N/A       | N/A                | Infinite  | N/A       |
| Server5           | ICMPv4 flood                      | Enforced | NETWORK | Server5        | Detected  | None      | 3696    | 16593 | 0      | 0         | 0         | Auto           | 12        | N/A       | N/A                | 14528     | Infinite  |
| dos-device-config | ICMPv4 flood                      | Enforced | NETWORK | N/A            | Detected  | None      | 11710   | 31867 | 1108   | 0         | 0         | Manual         | 10000     | 1000      | 500                | 100000    | 10000     |
| dos-device-config | IP bad src                        | Enforced | NETWORK | N/A            | Dropped   | None      | 402     | 1314  | 59     | 402       | 0         | Manual         | 1000      | N/A       | 500                | 10000     | N/A       |

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DoS Overview

DoS Profiles

Device Configuration

Exclusion Policy List

Behavioral Signatures

Content Filter

Filter Type

DoS Attack

Auto Refresh

Disabled

Refresh

Enter Vector Name

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| Profile           | Attack Vector                     | State    | Layer   | Virtual Server | Attack Status |           | Average Aggregate PPS |       |        | Dropped PPS |           | Detection Threshold PPS |           |           | Rate Limit Threshold |               |           |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|-----------|
|                   |                                   |          |         |                | Aggregate     | Bad Actor | Current               | 1 min | 1 hour | Aggregate   | Bad Actor | Threshold Mode          | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Detect Threshold %   | Aggregate     | Bad Actor |
| dos-device-config | dos-commonSig_23230_200_146829834 | Enforced | L4 BDoS | N/A            | Detected      | None      | 20980                 | 15923 | 2      | 0           | 0         | N/A                     | 150       | N/A       | N/A                  | Infinite      | N/A       |
| Server5           | ICMPv4 flood                      | Enforced | NETWORK | Server5        | Dropped       | None      | 17183                 | 15950 | 0      | 17180       | 0         | Auto                    | 12        | Infinite  | N/A                  | 51 - infinite | Infinite  |
| dos-device-config | ICMPv4 flood                      | Enforced | NETWORK | N/A            | Detected      | None      | 31115                 | 32919 | 1147   | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 10000     | 1000      | 500                  | 100000        | 10000     |
| dos-device-config | IP bad src                        | Enforced | NETWORK | N/A            | Dropped       | None      | 1190                  | 1359  | 59     | 1190        | 0         | Manual                  | 1000      | N/A       | 500                  | 10000         | N/A       |

- Select the filter type to **Virtual Server (DoS protected)** and **Server5** and view how various thresholds are dynamically adjusted based on the stress.

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DoS Overview

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Content Filter

Filter Type

Virtual Server (DoS protected)

Server5

Auto Refresh

Disabled

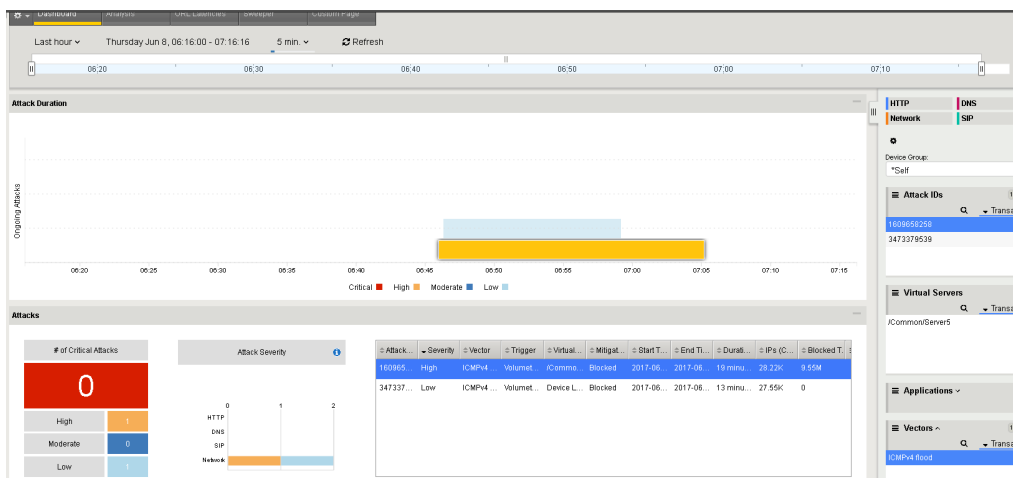
Refresh

Enter Vector Name

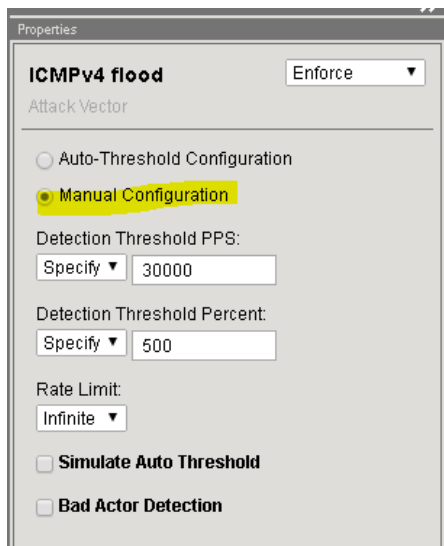
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| Profile | Attack Vector                          | State    | Layer   | Attack Status |           | Average Aggregate PPS |       |        | Dropped PPS |           | Detection Threshold PPS |           |           | Rate Limit Threshold PPS |                |           |
|---------|----------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|
|         |                                        |          |         | Aggregate     | Bad Actor | Current               | 1 min | 1 hour | Aggregate   | Bad Actor | Threshold Mode          | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Detect Threshold %       | Aggregate      | Bad Actor |
| Server5 | Host unreachable                       | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite       | Infinite  |
| Server5 | ICMP fragmented                        | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite       | Infinite  |
| Server5 | ICMPv4 flood                           | Enforced | NETWORK | Dropped       | None      | 22314                 | 16457 | 0      | 20845       | 0         | Auto                    | 12        | Infinite  | N/A                      | 290 - Infinite | Infinite  |
| Server5 | IP fragment flood                      | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite       | Infinite  |
| Server5 | IP option frames                       | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite       | Infinite  |
| Server5 | Low TTL                                | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite       | Infinite  |
| Server5 | TCP bad URQ                            | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite       | Infinite  |
| Server5 | TCP half open                          | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite       | Infinite  |
| Server5 | TCP option overruns TCP header         | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite       | Infinite  |
| Server5 | TCP Option present with illegal length | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite       | Infinite  |
| Server5 | TCP Push Flood                         | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Auto                    | 12        | Infinite  | N/A                      | 290 - Infinite | Infinite  |
| Server5 | TCP RST flood                          | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Auto                    | 18        | Infinite  | N/A                      | 437 - Infinite | Infinite  |
| Server5 | TCP SYN flood                          | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Auto                    | 12        | Infinite  | N/A                      | 290 - Infinite | Infinite  |
| Server5 | TCP SYN OverSize                       | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite       | Infinite  |
| Server5 | TCP SYNACK flood                       | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Auto                    | 12        | Infinite  | N/A                      | 290 - Infinite | Infinite  |
| Server5 | TCP window size                        | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite       | Infinite  |
| Server5 | TIDCMP attack                          | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite       | Infinite  |
| Server5 | Unknown TCP option type                | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite       | Infinite  |

- Terminate the attack in the Attacker CLI with Ctrl+C.
- After the attack has ended, in the Hybrid Defender WebUI, navigate to the DoS Visibility page. Under Vectors, select ICMPv4 Flood. View various details.



- **Clean-up:** On the Attacker CLI, if the attack is still running be certain to end it with Ctrl-C.
- **Clean-up:** For repeatability, it is necessary to disable the auto-thresholding for the **ICMPv4 Flood**, **TCP RST Flood**, **TCP Push Flood**, **TCP SYN ACK Flood** and **TCP SYN Flood** vectors on the **Server5** protected object. **Switch them back to Manual Configuration.**



- **Clean-up:** After disabling auto-thresholding, clear the learning on the Hybrid Defender CLI with:

```
# tmsl run security dos device-config auto-threshold-relearn
# tmsl run security dos virtual name Server5 auto-threshold-relearn
```

- **Clean-up:** Stop the baseline traffic generation from the **good-client** if still running using CTRL+C

### 4.1.7 Lab 7 – Configuring DNS Attack Protection

DNS DoS attacks come in many flavors and target different resources. DNS query, reverse flood and amplification attacks are some such DNS attacks.

#### DNS Query Flood

This type of DoS of service attack has a couple possible resource impacts.

- Overwhelm the DNS server's ability to respond by sending too many requests.

This can be done just by asking for more requests than the server can reply with and prevent the server from servicing legitimate requests. It doesn't really matter if the clients are spoofed or not, it only matters that the DNS server just can't keep up.

#### Mitigation Options

DNS DoS mitigation generally requires an awareness of what you're trying to protect. This allows you to apply the appropriate mitigations and push the problem upstream until the next step is to force it off premises and in to a cloud solution. Load balancing is one remedy to this solution (anycast). Spreading the requests across pools of servers can help mitigate against these types of attacks. DNS Express is another option to increase the capacity of your DNS infrastructure. Layering in DHD DNS DoS vector mitigation also stops common DNS attacks.

#### Task 1 – Use a Protected Object to Mitigate a DNS Query Flood

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page.

- In the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Name                               | DNSServer        |
| IP Address                         | 10.1.20.14       |
| Port                               | 53               |
| Protocol                           | UDP              |
| Protection Settings: Action        | Log and Mitigate |
| Protection Settings: DDoS Settings | DNS              |

DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » Create Protected Object

**Protected Object**

|                   |                                         |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Name              | DNSServer                               |
| IP Address / Mask | 10.1.20.14                              |
| Port              | 53                                      |
| Protocol          | UDP                                     |
| VLAN              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any |
| SSL               | <input type="checkbox"/> Enabled        |
| Deployment Model  | Traffic : Symmetric                     |

**Capacity**

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Connection Limit            | Infinite                 |
| Maximum Bandwidth           | Infinite                 |
| Enable External Redirection | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Protection Settings**

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Action            | Log And Mitigate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Silverline        | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Default Whitelist | No Address Selected<br>Add IP address <input type="text"/> Add                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| HTTP Whitelist    | Use Default                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| DDoS Settings     | <input type="checkbox"/> IPv4 <input type="checkbox"/> IPv6 <input type="checkbox"/> TCP <input type="checkbox"/> UDP <input type="checkbox"/> Sweep <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DNS <input type="checkbox"/> SIP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTPS <input type="checkbox"/> L4 Behavioral |

**DNS**

Cancel Create

- In the **DNS** row click the **+** icon, and then click **DNS A Query**.
- On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click **Create**.

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Detection Threshold PPS     | Specify: 75  |
| Detection Threshold Percent | Specify: 500 |
| Rate Limit                  | Specify: 100 |



Properties

**DNS A Query** Enforce ▼

Attack Vector

☐ Auto-Threshold Configuration

☒ Manual Configuration

Detection Threshold PPS:  
Specify ▼ 75

Detection Threshold Percent:  
Specify ▼ 500

Rate Limit:  
Specify ▼ 100

☐ Simulate Auto Threshold

☐ Bad Actor Detection

## Task 2 – Establish a DNS Baseline

- In the **Attacker** putty window type (or copy and paste) the following command:

```
# cd ~/scripts  
# ./dnsbaseline.sh
```

- Continue to run the baseline until you get the following results:

```

root@Attacker:~/scripts# ./dnsbaseline.sh
Starting DNS baseline with 50 A Queries/S
dnstperf -s 10.1.20.14 -d dnsbaseline.txt -Q 50 -S 5 -c 100 -l 120
DNS Performance Testing Tool
Nominum Version 2.1.0.0

[Status] Command line: dnstperf -s 10.1.20.14 -d dnsbaseline.txt -Q 50 -S 5 -c
0 -l 120
[Status] Sending queries (to 10.1.20.14)
[Status] Started at: Thu Jun  8 07:51:05 2017
[Status] Stopping after 120.000000 seconds
1496933470.894889: 49.995580
1496933475.900758: 50.141144
1496933480.906458: 49.943065
1496933485.912234: 49.942307
1496933490.914816: 49.974193
1496933495.920554: 50.142457
1496933500.926207: 49.943534
1496933505.931803: 49.944103
1496933510.937545: 49.942646
1496933515.943349: 50.141795
1496933520.948980: 49.943753
1496933525.954727: 49.942596
1496933530.960469: 50.142416
1496933535.966130: 49.943454
1496933540.971757: 49.943793
1496933545.974697: 49.970617
1496933550.980395: 50.142857
1496933555.986188: 49.942137
1496933560.991760: 49.944342
1496933565.997524: 49.942426
1496933570.999785: 50.177310
1496933576.005435: 49.943564
1496933581.011052: 49.943893
[Status] Testing complete (time limit)

Statistics:

  Queries sent:          6000
  Queries completed:     6000 (100.00%)
  Queries lost:          0 (0.00%)

  Response codes:       NOERROR 6000 (100.00%)
  Average packet size:   request 41, response 306
  Run time (s):          120.000527
  Queries per second:    49.999780

  Average Latency (s):   0.004990 (min 0.001820, max 0.507588)
  Latency StdDev (s):    0.019790

```

### Task 3 – Initiate a DNS Attack that Exceeds the Rate Limit

- In the **Attacker** putty window type (or copy and paste) the following command:  
`./dnsdosrate.sh`
- Wait for the attack to run for about 30 seconds before moving on.
- In the Configuration Utility, review the **DoS Overview** page.
- Change the selection to **Virtual Server** and **DNSServer**.

Security >> DoS Protection : DoS Overview

DoS Overview

DoS Profiles

Device Configuration

Election Policy List

Behavioral Signatures

Context Filter

Filter Type

Virtual Server (DoS protected) \* DNSServer

Auto Refresh

20 seconds

Refresh

| Enter Vector Name |                  |          |        | Attack Status |           | Average Aggregate PPS |       |        | Dropped PPS |           | Detection Threshold PPS |           |           | Rate Limit Threshold PPS |           |           |
|-------------------|------------------|----------|--------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Profile           | Attack Vector    | State    | Layer  | Aggregate     | Bad Actor | Current               | 1 min | 1 hour | Aggregate   | Bad Actor | Threshold Mode          | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Detected Threshold %     | Aggregate | Bad Actor |
| DNSServer         | A query DOS      | Enforced | DNS    | Dropped       | None      | 103                   | 54    | 0      | 20          | 0         | Manual                  | 75        | Infinite  | 500                      | 100       | Infinite  |
| DNSServer         | AAAA query DOS   | Enforced | DNS    | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite  | Infinite  |
| DNSServer         | ANY query DOS    | Enforced | DNS    | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite  | Infinite  |
| DNSServer         | AXFR query DOS   | Enforced | DNS    | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite  | Infinite  |
| DNSServer         | CNAME query DOS  | Enforced | DNS    | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 30000     | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite  | Infinite  |
| FW/IPSensor       | HTTP request PPS | Enforced | FW/IPS | Monitor       | Monitor   | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual                  | 500000    | Infinite  | 500                      | Infinite  | Infinite  |

The **A query DOS** attack vector is now dropping attack traffic.

The script will also record the number of drops if any as a result of the attack rate limit being hit.

```

Statistics:

Queries sent:      12182
Queries completed: 9831 (80.70%)
Queries lost:      2351 (19.30%)

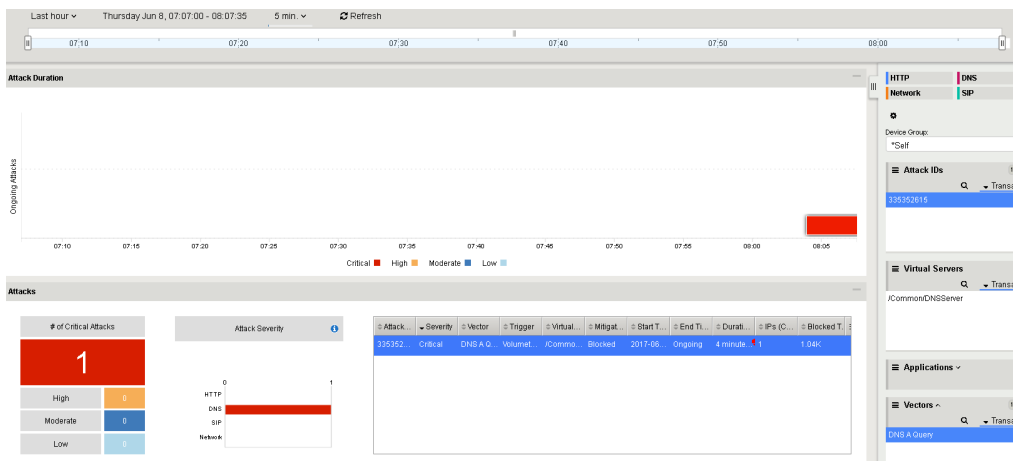
Response codes:    NOERROR 9831 (100.00%)
Average packet size: request 41, response 306
Run time (s):      120.005951
Queries per second: 81.920937

Average Latency (s): 0.005037 (min 0.001739, max 0.115031)
Latency StdDev (s): 0.004483

root@Attacker:~/scripts#

```

- In the Configuration Utility open the **Statistics >> DoS Visibility** page. View details in various sections



## DNS Reverse flood

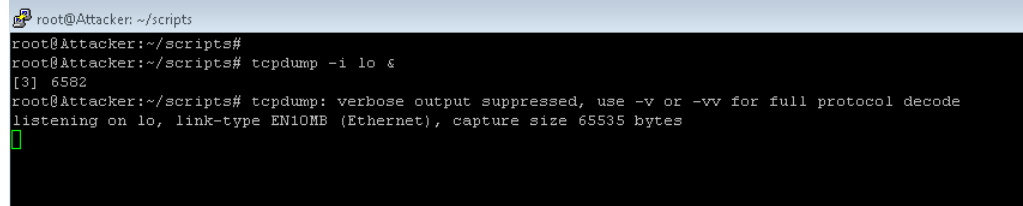
Sometimes DNS responses are used in flooding network resources. A small request has a disproportionately larger response and since the transport protocol is UDP it can easily be spoofed. The outbound pipe can easily get congested responding to a smaller number of requests with large responses.

## Task 1 – View DNS Reverse Flood

Use **tcpdump** and **dig** to view DNS request and response packets. A small request produces a large response. You will **open two ssh** sessions to the **attacker**.

- Open two windows via Putty to the **Attacker** CLI (use the shortcut).
- In the **first ssh window** on the attacker start a tcpdump using the following command:

```
# cd ~/scripts
# tcpdump -i lo &
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following text:

```
root@Attacker: ~/scripts
root@Attacker:~/scripts#
root@Attacker:~/scripts# tcpdump -i lo &
[3] 6582
root@Attacker:~/scripts# tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode
listening on lo, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 65535 bytes
```

- In the **second ssh window** on the attacker issue a dig against the loop back with “ANY”

```
# cd ~/scripts
# dig ANY floodzone.local @localhost
```

```
root@Attacker: ~  
root@Attacker:~# dig ANY floodzone.local @localhost  
  
; <<>> DiG 9.9.5-3ubuntu0.14-Ubuntu <<>> ANY floodzone.local @localhost  
;; global options: +cmd  
;; Got answer:  
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 3896  
;; flags: qr aa rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 17, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 13  
  
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:  
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096  
;; QUESTION SECTION:  
;floodzone.local.          IN      ANY  
  
;; ANSWER SECTION:  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      A      10.10.1.2  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      A      10.10.1.3  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      A      10.10.1.4  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      A      10.10.1.1  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      A      10.10.1.5  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      SOA     attacker-a.f5demo.com. root.atta  
cker-a.f5demo.com. 20 604800 86400 2419200 604800  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      NS      ranger.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      NS      langley.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      NS      lexington.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      NS      attacker-a.f5demo.com.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      NS      saratoga.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      AAAA    ::1  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      MX      20 enterprise.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      MX      40 hornet.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      MX      50 essex.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      MX      10 yorktown.floodzone.local.  
floodzone.local.          604800 IN      MX      30 wasp.floodzone.local.  
  
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:  
ranger.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.17  
ranger.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.56  
langley.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.14  
langley.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.36  
saratoga.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.16  
lexington.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.15  
attacker-a.f5demo.com. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.6  
yorktown.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.18  
enterprise.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.19  
wasp.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.20  
hornet.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.21  
essex.floodzone.local. 604800 IN      A      10.10.1.22  
  
;; Query time: 4 msec  
;; SERVER: 127.0.0.1#53(127.0.0.1)  
;; WHEN: Fri Jun 09 07:33:55 PDT 2017  
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 628  
  
root@Attacker:~#
```

- In the **first ssh window** on the attacker view the results of the tcpdump : Notice the difference in the **size of the request (44) vs the response (628)**. Your values maybe different. The point is that a small request can generate an enormous response.

```
root@Attacker:~/scripts# tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or  
-vv for full protocol decodinglistening on lo, link-type EN10MB  
(Ethernet), capture size 65535 bytes
```

```
07:33:55.737892 IP localhost.47406 > localhost.domain: 3896+ [1au] ANY?
floodzone.local. *(44)**
```

```
07:33:55.738563 IP localhost.domain > localhost.47406: 3896\* 17/0/13 A
10.10.1.2, A 10.10.1.3, A 10.10.1.4, A 10.10.1.1, A 10.10.1.5, SOA, NS
ranger.floodzone.local., NS langley.floodzone.local., NS
lexington.floodzone.local., NS attacker-a.f5d emo.com., NS
saratoga.floodzone.local., AAAA ::1, MX enterprise.floodzone.local. 20,
MX hornet.floodzone.local. 40, MX ess ex.floodzone.local. 50, MX
yorktown.floodzone.local. 10, MX wasp.floodzone.local. 30 *(628)**
```

- In the **second ssh** window on the attacker issue a dig against the loop back with a query to RIPE.NET and with DNSSEC for a larger response.

```
# sudo bash
# cd ~/scripts
# dig ANY ripe.net @localhost +dnssec
```

- In the **first ssh window** on the attacker view the results of the tcpdump : Notice the difference in the size of the request (37) vs the response (2715). **Your values maybe different.** The point is that a small request can generate an enormous response.

```
root@Attacker:~/scripts# tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or
-vv for full protocol decode

listening on lo, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 65535 bytes

07:43:44.018212 IP localhost.51272 > localhost.domain: 58304+ [1au] ANY?
ripe.net. *(37)**

07:43:44.018889 IP localhost.domain > localhost.51272: 58304$ 18/8/15
RRSIG, SOA, RRSIG, RRSIG, A 193.0.6.139, RRSIG, DNSKEY, DNSKEY, DNSKEY,
RRSIG, DS, NS manus.authdns.ripe.net., NS a2.verisigndns.com., NS
a1.verisigndns.com., NS tinnie.arin.net., NS sns-pb.isc.org., NS
sec3.apnic.net., NS a3.verisigndns.com. *(2715)**
```

- Once you're done, type 'fg' and 'CTRL+C' to stop the tcpdump.

```
root@Attacker:~/scripts# tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or
-vv for full protocol decode listening on lo, link-type EN10MB
(Ethernet), capture size 65535 bytes
```

fg

```
tcpdump -i lo
```

^C

```
0 packets captured
0 packets received by filter
0 packets dropped by kernel
root@Attacker:~/scripts#
```

This can easily overwhelm the server or overwhelm the outbound network pipe disrupting traffic responses for legitimate requests and/or other applications.

One industry accepted way to mitigate this type of attack is to rate limit the responses on the DNS servers. More information on Response Rate Limiting can be found [here](#):

<https://www.isc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/DNS-RRL-LISA14.pdf>

Because DoS policies are applied to traffic flows on ingress to the DHD, response rate limiting isn't currently available. But you still can limit the types of queries that can disproportionately consume bandwidth. The ANY query used in the previous example is one such example.

## Task 2 – Use a Protected Object to Mitigate a DNS Reverse Query Flood

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page
- In the **Protected Objects** section click **DNSServer**.
- In the **DNS** row click the **+** icon, and then click **DNS ANY Query**.
- On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click **Update**.

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Detection Threshold PPS     | Specify: 50  |
| Detection Threshold Percent | Specify: 500 |
| Rate Limit                  | Specify: 75  |

Properties

**DNS ANY Query** Enforce ▼

Attack Vector

☐ Auto-Threshold Configuration

☒ Manual Configuration

Detection Threshold PPS:

Specify ▼ 50

Detection Threshold Percent:

Specify ▼ 500

Rate Limit:

Specify ▼ 75

☐ Simulate Auto Threshold

☐ Bad Actor Detection

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **Security>>DoS Protection>> DoS Overview** page and set the **Filter type** to “**Virtual Server (DoS protected) / DNSServer**” Set **Auto-Refresh** to **20 seconds**.

Security >> DoS Protection : DoS Overview

DoS Overview | DoS Profiles | Device Configuration | Eviction Policy List

Context Filter

Filter Type: Virtual Server (DoS protected) | DNSServer

Auto Refresh: 20 seconds | Refresh

Enter Vector Name

| Profile   | Attack Vector | State    | Layer | Aggregate | Bad |
|-----------|---------------|----------|-------|-----------|-----|
| DNSServer | A query DNS   | Enforced | DNS   | None      | Non |

- In the **attacker** ssh window issue dns reverse flood attack as follows:

```
# cd ~/scripts
# ./dnsReverseFlood.sh
```

- Observe the DoS Overview as it gradually starts to drop the ANY queries.

| Enter Vector Name |                |          | Attack Status |           |           | Average Aggregate PPS |       |        | Dropped PPS |           |                | Detection Threshold PPS |           |                    | Rate Limit Threshold PPS |           |
|-------------------|----------------|----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Profile           | Attack Vector  | State    | Layer         | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Current               | 1 min | 1 hour | Aggregate   | Bad Actor | Threshold Mode | Aggregate               | Bad Actor | Detect Threshold % | Aggregate                | Bad Actor |
| DNSServer         | A query DOS    | Enforced | DNS           | None      | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 75                      | Infinite  | 500                | 100                      | Infinite  |
| DNSServer         | AAAA query DOS | Enforced | DNS           | None      | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNSServer         | ANY query DOS  | Enforced | DNS           | None      | None      | 53                    | 4     | 0      | 2           | 0         | Manual         | 50                      | Infinite  | 500                | 75                       | Infinite  |

| Enter Vector Name |                |          | Attack Status |           |           | Average Aggregate PPS |       |        | Dropped PPS |           |                | Detection Threshold PPS |           |                    | Rate Limit |           |
|-------------------|----------------|----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| Profile           | Attack Vector  | State    | Layer         | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Current               | 1 min | 1 hour | Aggregate   | Bad Actor | Threshold Mode | Aggregate               | Bad Actor | Detect Threshold % | Aggregate  | Bad Actor |
| DNSServer         | A query DOS    | Enforced | DNS           | None      | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 75                      | Infinite  | 500                | 100        |           |
| DNSServer         | AAAA query DOS | Enforced | DNS           | None      | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite   |           |
| DNSServer         | ANY query DOS  | Enforced | DNS           | Detected  | None      | 0                     | 34    | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 50                      | Infinite  | 500                | 75         |           |

| Enter Vector Name |                |          | Attack Status |           |           | Average Aggregate PPS |       |        | Dropped PPS |           |                | Detection Threshold PPS |           |                    | Rate Limit |           |
|-------------------|----------------|----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| Profile           | Attack Vector  | State    | Layer         | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Current               | 1 min | 1 hour | Aggregate   | Bad Actor | Threshold Mode | Aggregate               | Bad Actor | Detect Threshold % | Aggregate  | Bad Actor |
| DNSServer         | A query DOS    | Enforced | DNS           | None      | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 75                      | Infinite  | 500                | 100        |           |
| DNSServer         | AAAA query DOS | Enforced | DNS           | None      | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite   |           |
| DNSServer         | ANY query DOS  | Enforced | DNS           | Dropped   | None      | 55                    | 37    | 0      | 2           | 0         | Manual         | 50                      | Infinite  | 500                | 75         |           |

- In the **attacker** ssh window stop the attack by hitting **CTRL+C** many times

## 4.1.8 Lab 8 – Configuring L7 Attack Protection

In this exercise we will use a protected object and enforce mitigation for low and slow/encrypted layer 7 attacks.

### Task 1 – Create Protected Object and Launch Attack

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page and in the Protected Objects section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

|                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Name                               | Server1                   |
| IP Address                         | 10.1.20.11                |
| Port                               | 443                       |
| VLAN (Selected)                    | defaultVLAN (uncheck ANY) |
| Protection Settings: Action        | Log and Mitigate          |
| Protection Settings: Silverline    | Yes (selected)            |
| Protection Settings: DDos Settings | IPv4, TCP                 |



DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » Server1

| Protected Object  |                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name              | Server1                                                                                                                                   |
| IP Address / Mask | 10.1.20.11                                                                                                                                |
| Port              | 443                                                                                                                                       |
| Protocol          | TCP                                                                                                                                       |
| VLAN              | <input type="checkbox"/> Any<br><div> <div>Selected</div> <div>Available</div> <div>defaultVLAN</div> <div>&gt;&gt; &lt;&lt;</div> </div> |
| SSL               | <input type="checkbox"/> Enabled                                                                                                          |
| Deployment Model  | Traffic : Symmetric                                                                                                                       |

| Capacity                    |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Connection Limit            | Infinite                 |
| Maximum Bandwidth           | Infinite                 |
| Enable External Redirection | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Protection Settings |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Action              | Log And Mitigate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Silverline          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Default Whitelist   | No Address Selected<br><input type="text"/> Add IP address <input type="button" value="Add"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| HTTP Whitelist      | Use Default                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| DDoS Settings       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IPv4 <input type="checkbox"/> IPv6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TCP <input type="checkbox"/> UDP <input type="checkbox"/> Sweep <input type="checkbox"/> DNS <input type="checkbox"/> SIP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTPS <input type="checkbox"/> L4 Behavioral |

- Launch attacks without any layer 7 protection configured
- Open the following in separate tabs in the Hybrid Defender WebUI:
  - **DoS Protection>>Quick Configuration**
  - **Security>>Reporting>>DoS>>Analysis**
- From a **Firefox browser** go to <https://10.1.20.11>. Ignore SSL warning and Add Exception.

**Note:** This bypasses the Hybrid Defender and accesses the server directly, showing the availability and/or performance of the site directly. Click around a few links. This is the site we will launch an attack against and mitigate.

- Verify that the configuration is providing no L7 protections by taking the server offline with a slowloris attack. Note that apache will try to clean up the slow flows, but they will do so inefficiently and the server is impacted (which will show as an outage, missing objects and/or slower responsiveness). Run the slowloris attack from the Attacker CLI:

```
# cd ~/scripts
# ./slowloris.sh
```

The tool will rapidly show the site offline (10-15 seconds, with trivial traffic load):

```
root@Attacker: ~/scripts
Thu Jun  8 08:29:34 2017:
slowhttptest version 1.6
- https://code.google.com/p/slowhttptest/ -
test type:                SLOW HEADERS
number of connections:    4090
URL:                      https://10.1.20.11/
verb:                     GET
Content-Length header value: 4096
follow up data max size:  68
interval between follow up data: 10 seconds
connections per seconds:  200
probe connection timeout:  5 seconds
test duration:            240 seconds
using proxy:              no proxy

Thu Jun  8 08:29:34 2017:
slow HTTP test status on 15th second:

initializing:             0
pending:                  866
connected:                150
error:                    0
closed:                   1031
service available:        NO
```

- Refresh <https://10.1.20.11> to show the effects of the attack. [Note that since we are running locally from the Win7 system in a virtualized environment, you may be able to access the site, however it will be slower and often the GIFs will not load. An internet user would not be able to “fight through” the attack to get to the server as often as a system on the local LAN.]
- Stop the slowloris attack by using CTRL+C.
- Start a more effective Slow Read attack.

This attack is harder for DoS mitigation tools to mitigate and can be very effective even with a tiny number of concurrent connections trickling in very slowly to the server to fly below the radar of network detections. In our example we will open 10 connections per second and read the response data at 1 byte / sec. The attack would be effective even at 1 cps, it would just take a bit longer to build up the connections.

- From the **Attacker** CLI/shell start the slowread attack:

```
# cd ~/scripts
# ./slowread.sh
```

```
root@Attacker: ~/scripts
Thu Jun  8 08:34:52 2017:
    slowhttptest version 1.6
- https://code.google.com/p/slowhttptest/ -
test type:                SLOW READ
number of connections:    4090
URL:                      https://10.1.20.11/bigtext.html
verb:                     GET
receive window range:     1 - 512
pipeline factor:          1
read rate from receive buffer: 5 bytes / 5 sec
connections per seconds:  10
probe connection timeout: 5 seconds
test duration:            3600 seconds
using proxy:              no proxy

Thu Jun  8 08:34:52 2017:
slow HTTP test status on 35th second:

initializing:             0
pending:                  80
connected:                259
error:                    0
closed:                   0
service available:        NO
█
```

As soon as the site is down (service available: NO), refresh <https://10.1.20.11> to show that it is down/slow/intermittent.

## Task 2 – Configure Protection/Mitigation, launch attack and view reports

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, access the **Server1** Protected Object.
- Enable SSL.
- Select the default certificate and key. In your environment you would select a valid/cert key for your application.
- Enable '**Encrypt Session to Server**' to avoid any server reconfiguration.
- Enable the **HTTPS** mitigation family.
- Click **Update**.

|                  |                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SSL              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled<br>SSL Certificate: default Key: default<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encrypt Connection to Server |
| Deployment Model | Traffic: Symmetric                                                                                                                                       |

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Capacity</b>             |                          |
| Connection Limit            | Infinite                 |
| Maximum Bandwidth           | Infinite                 |
| Enable External Redirection | <input type="checkbox"/> |

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Protection Settings</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Action                     | Log And Mitigate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Silverline                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Default Whitelist          | No Address Selected<br><input type="text"/> Add IP address <input type="button" value="Add"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| HTTP Whitelist             | Use Default                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| DDoS Settings              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IPv4 <input type="checkbox"/> IPv6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TCP <input type="checkbox"/> UDP <input type="checkbox"/> Sweep <input type="checkbox"/> DNS <input type="checkbox"/> SIP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HTTPS <input type="checkbox"/> L4 Behavioral |

- View the Attacker CLI/shell. The slow read attack is now no longer showing the site as down (service available: YES) because Proactive Bot Detection has mitigated the attack.

```

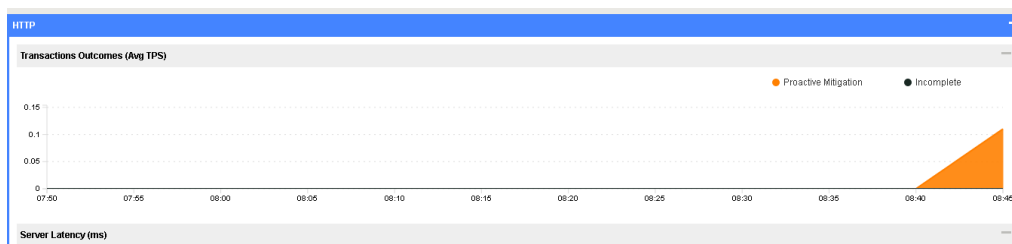
root@Attacker: ~/scripts
Thu Jun  8 08:42:36 2017:
    slowhttptest version 1.6
- https://code.google.com/p/slowhttptest/ -
test type:                SLOW READ
number of connections:    4090
URL:                      https://10.1.20.11/bigtext.html
verb:                     GET
receive window range:    1 - 512
pipeline factor:          1
read rate from receive buffer: 5 bytes / 5 sec
connections per seconds:  10
probe connection timeout: 5 seconds
test duration:            3600 seconds
using proxy:              no proxy

Thu Jun  8 08:42:36 2017:
slow HTTP test status on 500th second:

initializing:             0
pending:                  0
connected:                1755
error:                    0
closed:                   2335
service available:        YES

```

- Refresh <https://10.1.20.11> to see that the site behavior has returned to normal.
- You were able to mitigate an encrypted layer 7 attack quickly and with only a few simple steps.
- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, view various reports in the **Security>>Reporting>>DoS>>Analysis**
- **HTTP Report (Scroll towards the bottom) shows Proactive Mitigation.**



- Stop the Slow Read attack by using CTRL+C.

## 4.1.9 Lab 9 – Configuring L7 Behavioral Attack Protection

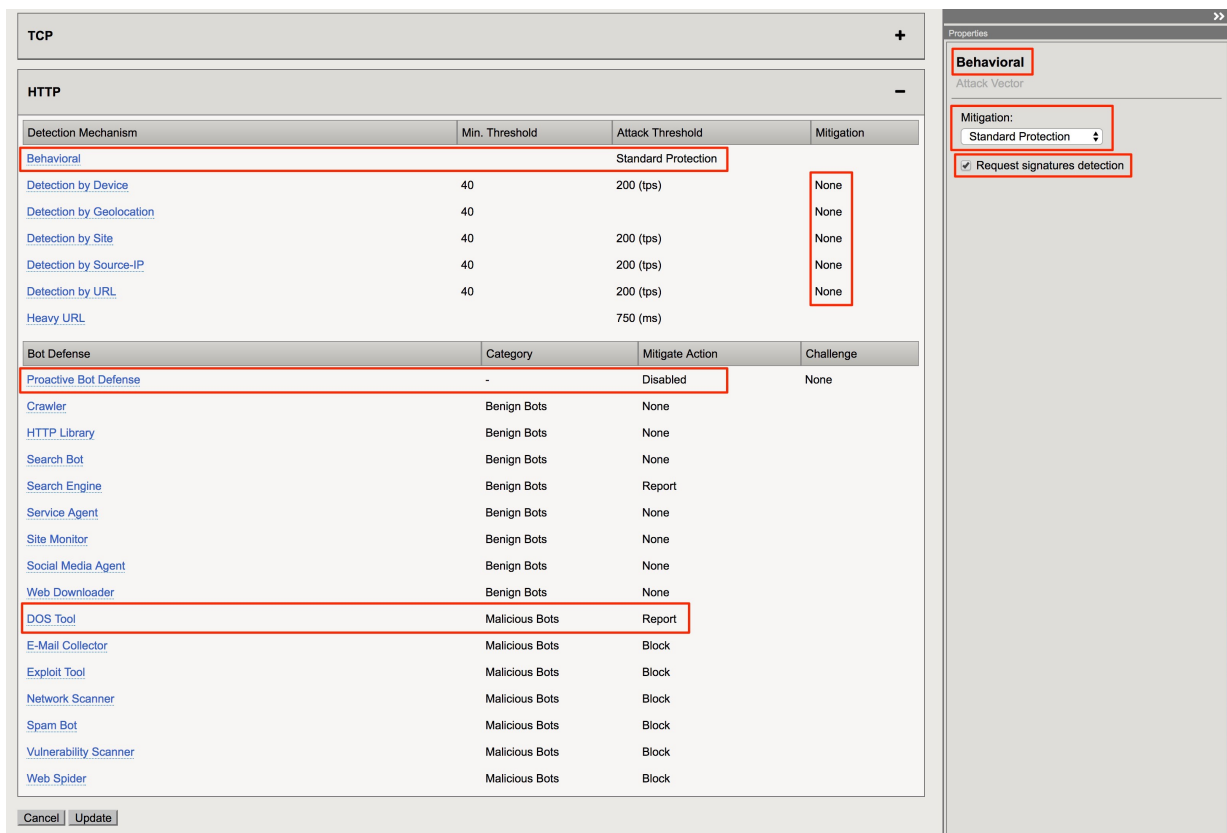
In this exercise we will use a protected object and show how behavioral DDoS works.

### Task 1 – Create Protected Object and Launch Attack

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page and in the Protected Objects section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

|                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Name                               | Auction                   |
| IP Address                         | 10.1.20.101               |
| Port / Protocol                    | 80 TCP                    |
| VLAN (Selected)                    | defaultVLAN (uncheck ANY) |
| Protection Settings: Action        | Log and Mitigate          |
| Protection Settings: DDoS Settings | HTTP                      |

- Make sure **Auction** is with a capital “A”.
- Under the HTTP section make the following adjustments:
  - Set Behavioral to Standard Protection.
  - Make sure you check “Request Signature Detection”
  - Set Proactive Bot Defense to “Disabled”
  - Set DOS tool to “Report”



- When finished click **Create**
- From the Good Client CLI, issue the following command.

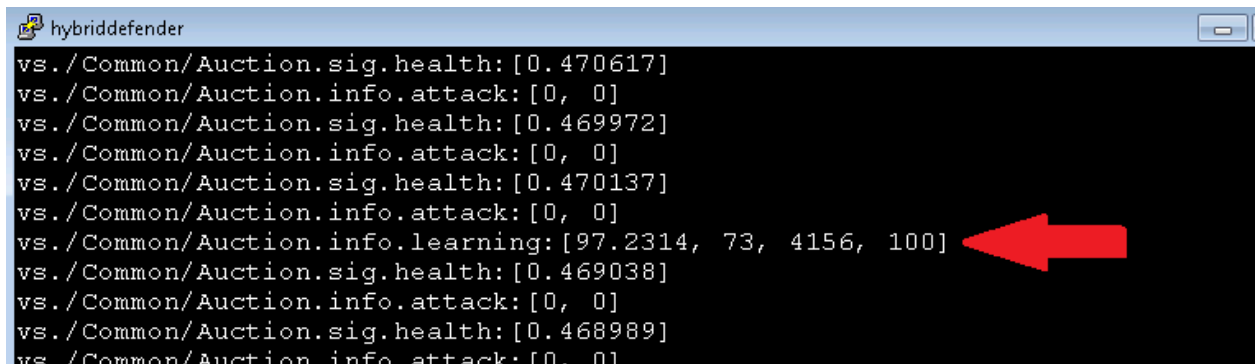
```
~/scripts/generate_clean_traffic.sh
```

**Note:** This will need to run for approximately 10 minutes.

- From the DHD CLI issue the following commands:

```
#/root/scripts/l7bdos-reset.sh
#/root/scripts/l7-mon.sh
```

- Monitor the window. When you see the following number go to 100, you will move on.



- The health of the Protected Object will be shown. In general, a healthy system will show a value around .45. If the value is .5 consistently, then for some reason no learning is occurring and you should check your configuration and verify that baselining traffic is hitting the protected object in question.
- If the system has detected and is mitigating an attack, or not. This will show in the output of 'info.attack' signal. The two numbers in brackets indicate if there is an attack (1 = yes, 0 = no) and if the system is mitigating that attack (1 = yes, 0 = no).
- The output will also include the 'info.learning' signal, which includes 4 comma-separated values that show the status of the admd behavioral dos learning:

```
vs./Common/Auction.sig.health:[0.46014]
vs./Common/Auction.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction.info.learning:[78.3191, 633, 4570, 100]
```

- signal values: [baseline\_learning\_confidence, learned\_bins\_count, good\_table\_size, good\_table\_confidence]
- baseline\_learning\_confidence in % - How confident the system is in the baseline learning.
  - \* This should be between 80% - 90%
- learned\_bins\_count - number of learned bins
  - \* This should be > 0
- good\_table\_size - number of learned requests
  - \* This should be > 4000
- good\_table\_confidence - how confident, as a percentage, the system is in the good table.
  - \* It must be 100% for behavioral signatures.
- From the Attacker CLI issue the following command:

```
~/scripts/http_flood.sh
```

```
root@Attacker:~/scripts# ./http_flood.sh
1) Attack Auction
2) Small Flood
3) Attack End
4) Quit
#? █
```

- Choose option 1, "Attack Auction"
- You will see the attack start in the DHD SSH window:

```
hybriddefender
vs./Common/Auction.sig.health:[0.469781]
vs./Common/Auction.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction.sig.health:[0.48558]
vs./Common/Auction.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction.sig.health:[0.640806]
vs./Common/Auction.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction.sig.health:[0.796016]
vs./Common/Auction.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction.sig.health:[0.886954]
vs./Common/Auction.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction.sig.health:[0.983432]
vs./Common/Auction.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction.sig.health:[0.994988]
vs./Common/Auction.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction.sig.health:[1.11265]
vs./Common/Auction.info.status:['Attack started']
vs./Common/Auction.info.attack:[1, 0]
vs./Common/Auction.sig.health:[1.27023]
vs./Common/Auction.info.attack:[1, 1]
vs./Common/Auction.sig.health:[1.24499]
vs./Common/Auction.info.attack:[1, 1]
vs./Common/Auction.sig.health:[1.30393]
vs./Common/Auction.info.attack:[1, 1]
```

- In addition you will see the good client start returning a status of 000 as it is unresponsive. It no longer returns a Status 200. Until the DHD starts mitigation.

```
root@xjumpbox: ~
Baselining for L7 BDOS. Watch 'admd -s vs./Common/Auction.info -s vs./Common/Auction.sig.health' for status.

sell.php      status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.001
sell.php      status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.001
sell.php      status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.002
register.php   status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.002
register.php   status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.001
register.php   status: 200      bytes: 23586     time: 0.486
help.php      status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.002
help.php      status: 200      bytes: 9637      time: 0.071
```

- Once the DHD has enough data a Stable Signature is detected.





Hostname: hybriddefender.f5demo.com Date: Aug 30, 2017 User: admin  
IP Address: 10.1.1.245 Time: 6:16 AM (PDT) Role: Administrator Partition: Common Log out

**Security » Event Logs : DoS : Application Events**

| Time                | Virtual Server  | Profile Name    | Event          | Detection Mode       | Mitigation    | TPS   | Detection Threshold |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|-------|---------------------|
| 2017-08-30 04:46:41 | /Common/sevrer1 | /Common/sevrer1 | Attack ended   | Behavioral detection | No Mitigation | 0 tps |                     |
| 2017-08-30 04:39:58 | /Common/sevrer1 | /Common/sevrer1 | Attack started | Behavioral detection | No Mitigation | 0 tps |                     |
| 2017-08-30 03:24:08 | /Common/sevrer1 | /Common/sevrer1 | Attack ended   | Behavioral detection | No Mitigation | 0 tps |                     |
| 2017-08-30 03:17:29 | /Common/sevrer1 | /Common/sevrer1 | Attack started | Behavioral detection | No Mitigation | 0 tps |                     |
| 2017-08-30 02:48:20 | /Common/Auction | /Common/Auction | Attack ended   | Behavioral detection | Behavioral    | 7 tps |                     |
| 2017-08-30 02:42:23 | /Common/Auction | /Common/Auction | Attack started | Behavioral detection | Behavioral    | 7 tps |                     |

- You can see in the top-left that a Behavioral Signature was created.
- Click on this link, then click on the Signature to see it.

**Security » DoS Protection : Behavioral Signatures » Behavioral Signature Properties**

**Behavioral Signature Properties**

|                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name                                                                                                                                                                                 | AutoSig #805281504072587                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Partition / Path                                                                                                                                                                     | Common                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Status                                                                                                                                                                               | New                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Alias                                                                                                                                                                                | /Common/AutoSig #805281504072587                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Found on Virtual Server                                                                                                                                                              | /Common/Auction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Generated on attack                                                                                                                                                                  | 44741587                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Last seen on attack                                                                                                                                                                  | 44741588                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Created                                                                                                                                                                              | 08/29/2017 22:56:27 (PDT)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Last seen                                                                                                                                                                            | 08/30/2017 02:43:26 (PDT)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Rules count                                                                                                                                                                          | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Accuracy                                                                                                                                                                             | 100%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Efficiency                                                                                                                                                                           | 100%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Wireshark filter (match for malicious requests for 1 or more rules)<br>To use Wireshark filters use the following LUA dissectors. Download scripts and manual <a href="#">here</a> . | <pre>(http.f5_filename bin == 21) and ((http.user_agent matches "(MSIE Chrome Firefox Opera Safari Maxthon Seamonkey)")) and (http.request.method eq "GET") and ((http.hdr_len &gt;= 128) and (http.hdr_len &lt; 256)) and ((http.content_type) and (http.request.uri matches "^[^"]*\$")) and (http.f5_headers count == 5) and (http.f5_cache_control bin == 0) and (http.accept) and (http.f5_host bin == 25) and (http.request.line matches "Accept-Charset:.*") and (http.f5_referer_bin == 0) and (http.f5_uri_len bin == 0) and ((http.accept matches "(application audio message text image multipart)")) and (http.connection) and (http.host) and ((http.request.line matches "Accept-Charset")) and (http.user_agent)</pre> |

Cancel Finished

- This concludes the DHD Hands on Labs.



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## 5.1 Lab Topology & Environment



| System                       | Username      | Password  |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Jumpbox                      | external_user | f5DEMOS4u |
| Hybrid Defender – WebUI/TMUI | admin         | f5DEMOS4u |
| Hybrid Defender – CLI        | root          | f5DEMOS4u |
| Passive BIG-IP – WebUI/TMUI  | admin         | f5DEMOS4u |
| Good Client                  | ubuntu        | Use key   |
| Attacker                     | ubuntu        | Use key   |
| Win-ToolsServer              | external_user | f5DEMOS4u |
| WebServer / Auction Server   | root          | default   |

## 5.1.2 Helpful Tips and Tricks

Here are a few tips that you can use during the labs. Since the environment and all its components are running in a virtualized environment with limited shared resources you may encounter some slow performance.

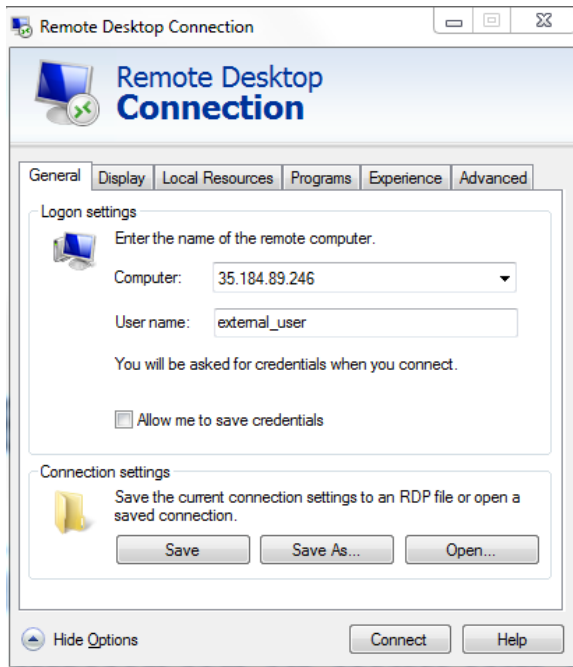
1. When using the Wireshark tool, it will capture a lot of packets. During DDoS attacks the tool will be overwhelmed. Its recommended that you start the capture and then stop it soon so that you can view the data captured easily.
2. If you find that you are not seeing any attacks then go back and check if the Attack you launched is still running. If it has stopped, kindly relaunch it.
3. If an attack is not being detected on the DHD check the value of your detection threshold EPS. For an attack to be detected this value must be lower than the attack being launched. Similarly, the rate/leak limit value sets the threshold for dropping the packets.
4. During automatic/behavioral mitigations labs there is about 10-15 minutes of baseline traffic learning time for the Hybrid Defender. Use that time to ask questions, chat with F5 Engineers and/or your peers about DDoS mitigations, security and what they are doing in their organization. Additionally, browse around the DoS Visibility tool to see some cool graphical reports that were generated.
5. Make sure the name of the Protected Objects you create in various labs matches exactly to what is provided in this guide otherwise the scripts/commands for monitoring learning status will not work as they are tied to specific profile names that get created.
6. You will notice that the commands “**sudo bash**” “**cd f5agility**” are included in each step. If you are already logged in and have root privileges and in the f5agility folder then kindly ignore those steps. If not, then use them. Basically, you need root level access to execute the scripts and be in the f5agility folder/directory.
7. Since the WebUI/TMUI will look the same for the BIG-IP Passive and the Hybrid Defender device make sure that all mitigation/changes are being made to the Hybrid Defender only and the Passive device is used only for visibility.
8. Don't forget to use CTRL+C to break and stop the attacks so that you get better responses from various tools once you have enough data.
9. When starting a new capture in WireShark always select continue without saving when prompted.
10. Use Right click and “Open in new tab” to browse various DHD menus (Overview, Event Logs,etc) so you don't have to go back and forth.
11. **STOP** all attacks, good traffic baseline scripts after end of each lab before proceeding to the next lab.
12. Use the PuTTY shortcuts on the desktops to access various shells. The PuTTY window has a title on top so that you know which shell you are in. If you get a Security Alert for the Servers Host Key just click YES to proceed to connect to the shell.

### 5.1.3 Accessing the Lab Environment

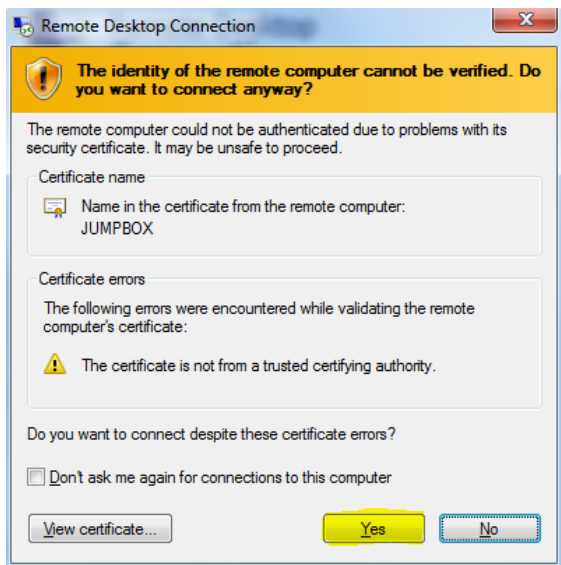
Use RDP client and connect to your Windows Jumpbox IP and the Win-ToolsServer IP

**Note:** Use the show options to provide

**User name:** external\_user. **Password:** f5DEMOs4u



Click YES at the warning



**All Exercises/Tasks are to be completed from the Windows Jumpbox. There are various shortcuts – Chrome Incognito, Putty shortcuts, on the Jumpbox that you will use through the exercises.**



## 5.2 Introduction to DDoS Hybrid Defender

F5 DDoS Hybrid Defender (DHD) protects your organization against a wide range of DDoS attacks using a multi-pronged approach. By combining on-premises and cloud technologies, analytics, and advanced methods, DDoS Hybrid Defender is a hybrid solution that detects network and application layer attacks and is easy to deploy and manage.

DDoS Hybrid Defender mitigates against the full spectrum of DDoS attacks including:

- Network capacity attacks
- DNS and SIP protocol volumetric attacks
- HTTP and HTTPS volumetric attacks
- HTTP and HTTPS CPU-based (heavy URL) attacks

You can specify which objects to protect on the network, assigning the appropriate protections to network devices and application servers, and prevent attackers from exhausting network resources and impacting application availability.

### Deployments:

The deployment you use for DDoS Hybrid Defender depends on the needs of your organization. For maximum DDoS protection, it is recommended that you deploy DDoS Hybrid Defender inline. However, it can also be deployed out of band, or in locations where symmetric data flows are not guaranteed.

Typical locations for the placement of DDoS Hybrid Defender are at the edge of the network or at the edge of the data center

### Inline deployment

DDoS Hybrid Defender provides maximum protection when deployed inline in one of two ways:

- Bridged mode with VLAN groups (This is default and we will use in our labs)
- Routed mode

### Out of band deployment

You can deploy DDoS Hybrid Defender out of band in two ways:

- Set up a Layer 2 switch with span ports so that it mirrors traffic onto DDoS Hybrid Defender. (Our passive device is setup this way in our labs)
- Configure network devices so that they send NetFlow data to DDoS Hybrid Defender.

## 5.3 Module 1: Environment Review

### 5.3.1 Lab 1.1 – Review Tools and Environment

You are the security engineer for Acme corporation. Your organization has recently seen a lot of outages in your network and applications. Some of these have been due to DDoS attacks and the outages have caused a significant loss of revenue as well as reputational impact. You have made the wise decision to invest in a world class leading edge DDoS mitigation solution and have the F5 DHD installed in your environment. It's been configured in the Layer 2 inline mode and is now available to you to enforce DDoS mitigations.

*Tools:*

#. In our lab we have an additional DHD available to you in a passive mode. It's basically setup on SPAN ports (out of band deployment) to provide you visibility.

#. The Win-ToolsServer is also installed to listen on SPAN port and has Wireshark available for visibility.

Let's get familiar on how to use these tools.

Note: Not all attacks will be visible in both tools. So, use the tools accordingly. This is done purposefully so that you get into the habit of troubleshooting/fighting attacks in the real world.

Use a web browser (Chrome in incognito mode) to log into the WebUI of the Passive DHD at <https://10.1.1.246> or use the bookmarked shortcut. Accept the SSL warning and proceed to connect.

Username: *admin*

Password: *f5DEMOs4u*

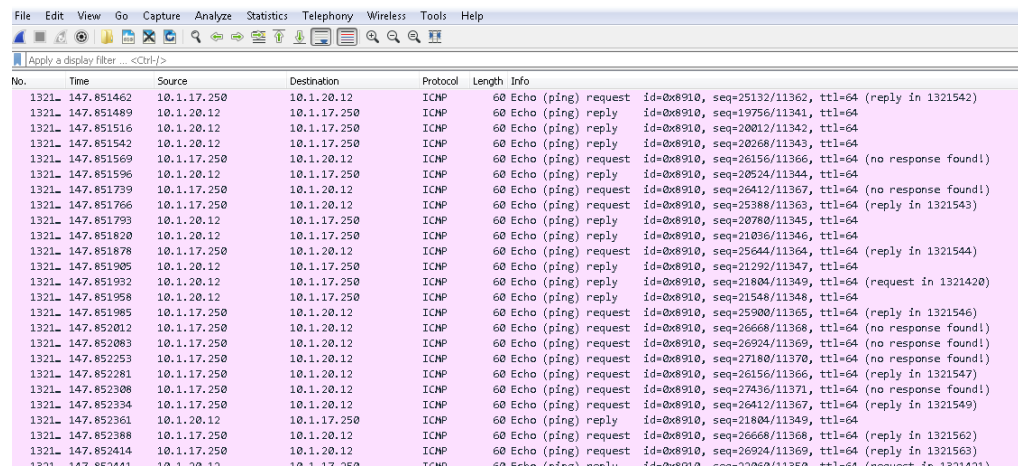
- Click **Security>>Event Logs>>DoS>>Network>>Events**
- Click **Security>>DoS Protection>>DoS Overview** (Tip: Right Click and open link in new tab/window)
- You will use the above two screens on the Passive DHD for visibility of traffic/attacks.
- On the Win-Tools Server launch Wireshark by using the shortcut link on desktop and then click on the blue shark fin on top left corner to start capturing data. (Tip: Use the Red Square button to stop captures when needed)

### 5.3.2 Lab 1.2 – Launch an attack and view traffic

- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell (use putty shortcut on Jumpbox) and launch the attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./lab1-2.sh
```

- View Wireshark and notice the ongoing captures.
- What type of traffic do you notice? As you can see these are all ICMP requests/responses and a lot of them. What are the IP addresses involved? Can you identify the attacking IP? (Tip: Did you review the lab network diagram?)



| No.   | Time       | Source      | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info                                                                       |
|-------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1321. | 147.851462 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=25132/11362, ttl=64 (reply in 1321542)  |
| 1321. | 147.851489 | 10.1.20.12  | 10.1.17.250 | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) reply id=0x8910, seq=19756/11341, ttl=64                       |
| 1321. | 147.851516 | 10.1.20.12  | 10.1.17.250 | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) reply id=0x8910, seq=20012/11342, ttl=64                       |
| 1321. | 147.851542 | 10.1.20.12  | 10.1.17.250 | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) reply id=0x8910, seq=20268/11343, ttl=64                       |
| 1321. | 147.851569 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=26156/11366, ttl=64 (no response found) |
| 1321. | 147.851596 | 10.1.20.12  | 10.1.17.250 | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) reply id=0x8910, seq=20524/11344, ttl=64                       |
| 1321. | 147.851739 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=26412/11367, ttl=64 (no response found) |
| 1321. | 147.851766 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=25388/11363, ttl=64 (reply in 1321543)  |
| 1321. | 147.851793 | 10.1.20.12  | 10.1.17.250 | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) reply id=0x8910, seq=20780/11345, ttl=64                       |
| 1321. | 147.851820 | 10.1.20.12  | 10.1.17.250 | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) reply id=0x8910, seq=21036/11346, ttl=64                       |
| 1321. | 147.851878 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=25644/11364, ttl=64 (reply in 1321544)  |
| 1321. | 147.851905 | 10.1.20.12  | 10.1.17.250 | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) reply id=0x8910, seq=21292/11347, ttl=64                       |
| 1321. | 147.851932 | 10.1.20.12  | 10.1.17.250 | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) reply id=0x8910, seq=21804/11349, ttl=64 (request in 1321420)  |
| 1321. | 147.851958 | 10.1.20.12  | 10.1.17.250 | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) reply id=0x8910, seq=21548/11348, ttl=64                       |
| 1321. | 147.851985 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=25900/11365, ttl=64 (reply in 1321546)  |
| 1321. | 147.852012 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=26668/11368, ttl=64 (no response found) |
| 1321. | 147.852083 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=26924/11369, ttl=64 (no response found) |
| 1321. | 147.852253 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=27180/11370, ttl=64 (no response found) |
| 1321. | 147.852281 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=26156/11366, ttl=64 (reply in 1321547)  |
| 1321. | 147.852308 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=27436/11371, ttl=64 (no response found) |
| 1321. | 147.852334 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=26412/11367, ttl=64 (reply in 1321549)  |
| 1321. | 147.852361 | 10.1.20.12  | 10.1.17.250 | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) reply id=0x8910, seq=21804/11349, ttl=64                       |
| 1321. | 147.852388 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=26668/11368, ttl=64 (reply in 1321562)  |
| 1321. | 147.852414 | 10.1.17.250 | 10.1.20.12  | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) request id=0x8910, seq=26924/11369, ttl=64 (reply in 1321563)  |
| 1321. | 147.852441 | 10.1.20.12  | 10.1.17.250 | ICMP     | 60     | Echo (ping) reply id=0x8910, seq=22060/11350, ttl=64 (request in 1321421)  |

In the Passive DHD Windows what do you notice? (Tip: You may need to click Search button/Refresh button or set Auto Refresh)

View Filter

Filter Type: DoS Attack

Auto Refresh: 9 seconds

Enter Vector Name

Attack Status: Aggregate

Average Aggregate EPS: 20380

Current Dropped EPS: 0

Detection Threshold EPS: 10000

Profile: dos-device-config

Attack Vector: ICMPv4 flood

State: Mitigate

Family: Network

Learning: Ready

Context: Device

Aggregate: None

Bad Actor: None

Attacked Destination: None

Current: 20380

1 min: 12306

1 hour: 448

Aggregate: 0

Bad Actor: 0

Attacked Destination: 0

Threshold Mode: Fully Manual

Aggregate: 10000

Bad Actor: 1000

Attacked Destination: Infinite

Detect: 500

Security >> Event Logs > DoS > Network > Events

Network > DoS > Bot Defense > Logging Profiles

Last Hour

Search Custom Search...

| Time                | DoS Mode | DoS Source                                                               | Context | Address     | Port  | Event          | Type         | Action | Attack ID | Packets in / sec | Dropped |
|---------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------|--------------|--------|-----------|------------------|---------|
| 2018-06-21 17:22:06 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.20.12  | 8     | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 16954            | 0       |
| 2018-06-21 17:22:05 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.17.250 | 36624 | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 17485            | 0       |
| 2018-06-21 17:22:04 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.20.12  | 8     | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 18244            | 0       |
| 2018-06-21 17:22:03 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.17.250 | 36624 | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 18143            | 0       |
| 2018-06-21 17:22:02 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.20.12  | 8     | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 18727            | 0       |
| 2018-06-21 17:22:01 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.17.250 | 36624 | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 19430            | 0       |
| 2018-06-21 17:22:00 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.17.250 | 36624 | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 20717            | 0       |
| 2018-06-21 17:21:59 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.17.250 | 36624 | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 16416            | 0       |
| 2018-06-21 17:21:58 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.17.250 | 36624 | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 17989            | 0       |
| 2018-06-21 17:21:57 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.17.250 | 36624 | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 19962            | 0       |
| 2018-06-21 17:21:56 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.20.12  | 8     | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 19983            | 0       |
| 2018-06-21 17:21:55 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.17.250 | 36624 | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 19983            | 0       |
| 2018-06-21 17:21:54 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.20.12  | 8     | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 20910            | 0       |
| 2018-06-21 17:21:53 | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, Device-Wide attack, metric:PPS | Device  | 10.1.17.250 | 36624 | Attack Sampled | ICMPv4 flood | Allow  | 384168009 | 20815            | 0       |

As you can see the visibility is better in terms of the Attack Vector and number of packets in/sec on the passive DHD.

It's up to you on which tool you may want to use for the remaining labs. If you are comfortable with WireShark then use that or use the Passive DHD or both. As noted previously you will have to visit both tools to see where you can gather some visibility to fight a real-world DDoS attack.

Use CTRL+C in the attacker shell to stop the attack.

## 5.4 Module 2: Manual Mitigations

### 5.4.1 Lab 2.1 – Device Level Protection for Mitigating Attacks.

- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell (use putty shortcut on Jumpbox) and launch the attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./lab2-1.sh
```

- On the WireShark start a capture/stop and identify the ongoing attack.
- On the Passive DHD identify the ongoing attack.
- Did you identify the attack? What type of attack is it? What Source IPs and Destinations IPs are involved?
- Let's mitigate this attack using Device Level mitigation.

Log into the DHD <https://10.1.1.245> accept the SSL warning and proceed to connect with credentials provided.

- In the Configuration Utility, go to **DoS Protection>>Quick Configuration**.
- In the **Device Protection** section click **Device Configuration**.
- In the **Flood** row click the + icon, and then click **ICMPv4 flood**.
- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to **"Mitigate"**

| Parameter                   | Value        |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Mitigation                  | Fully Manual |
| Detection Threshold EPS     | 100          |
| Detection Threshold Percent | 500          |
| Rate/Leak Limit             | 500          |

- On the Hybrid Defender you will now see the attack is being mitigated (Where will you check this? Tip: It's the same places that you are looking on the Passive device). You have successfully mitigated a network flood single vector attack. Use CTRL+C in the attacker window to stop the attack.

## 5.4.2 Lab 2.2 – Device Level Protections for Mitigating Attacks

- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell (use putty shortcut on Jumpbox) and launch the attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./lab2-2.sh
```

- On the WireShark start a capture/stop and identify the ongoing attack.
- On the Passive DHD identify the ongoing attack.
- Did you identify the attack? What type of attack is it? What Source IPs and Destinations IPs are involved?

Mitigate this attack using Device Level mitigation steps like those that you did in Lab 2.1 above.

## 5.4.3 Lab 2.3 – Device Level Protections for Mitigating Attacks

- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell (use putty shortcut on Jumpbox) and launch the attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./lab2-3.sh
```

- On the WireShark start a capture/stop and identify the ongoing attack.
- Did you identify the attack? What type of attack is it? What Source IPs and Destinations IPs are involved? Look closely and you will notice that there is a range of destination IPs that are being targeted and a lot of SYN, Retransmit, Out of Sequence, RST packets. This looks like someone is trying to run a scan against your network. How will you mitigate against this? They are “Sweep”ing your network.
- In the Configuration Utility, in the **Device Protection** section click **Device Configuration**.
- In the **Single Endpoint** row click the + icon, and then click **Single Endpoint Sweep**.
- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to “**Mitigate**”

| Parameter               | Value    |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Detection Threshold EPS | 100      |
| Rate/Leak Limit         | 500      |
| Packet Types (Selected) | All IPv4 |

- On the Hybrid Defender you will now see the attack is being mitigated. This attack is short lived so make sure you launch it again if it has stopped to see the mitigation. You have successfully mitigated a sweep flood attack. Use CTRL+C in the attacker window to stop the attack.

#### 5.4.4 Lab 2.4 – Device Level Protections for Mitigating Attacks

- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell (use putty shortcut on Jumpbox) and launch the attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./lab2-4.sh
```

- On the WireShark start a capture/stop and identify the ongoing attack.
- On the Passive DHD identify the ongoing attack.
- Did you identify the attack? What type of attack is it? What Source IPs and Destinations IPs are involved?
- Use the manual mitigations steps you learned in previous tasks to mitigate against all the attack vectors that you have identified.
- Use CTRL+C in the attacker window to stop the attack.

#### 5.4.5 Lab 2.5 – Device Level Protections for Mitigating Attacks

You received a call that a lot of users are intermittently getting a page cannot be displayed for various applications. Your Network Operations Center has stated that none of their monitoring systems for those applications are reporting any outages. The NOC tools monitor application health using the application URLs like <http://10.1.20.12/index.php> and so on. Your users are using the application using the FQDNs. You suspect that there is an ongoing DDoS attack and you need to identify it and mitigate against it.

- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell (use putty shortcut on Jumpbox) and launch the attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./lab2-5.sh
```

- On the WireShark start a capture/stop and identify the ongoing attack.
- Let's look at an alternate way to see which vector is being triggered so that you can identify the attack. If in your environment you had no tools like the Wireshark or the Passive DHD device, you can still identify the attack. While the event logs, DoS Overview screens are populated only when an attack is detected based on the threshold values set, if the attack doesn't trigger the detection threshold you will not see it in the Overview and Event Logs.
- In the Configuration Utility of the Hybrid Defender, go to **DoS Protection>>Quick Configuration**.
- In the **Device Protection** section click **Device Configuration**.
- In the **DNS** row click the + icon, and then view the Current Device Statistics Section. You can see that we are triggering a vector and registering the packets for that vector even though we have the default detection/mitigation configured for it.
- Alternately there is a CLI command also available to view the attack vector that is being triggered. Open a putty shell to the Hybrid Defender (use shortcut on desktop), login with the credentials: root/f5DEMOS4u and then :

```
# cd f5agility
# ./show_attackvector_stats.sh
```

- Did you identify the attack? What type of attack is it? What Source IPs and Destinations IPs are involved? Hint: (Wireshark) Destination IP, Targeted Port and Protocol used.
- Use the manual mitigations steps you learned in previous tasks to mitigate against the attack vector that you have identified.
- Use CTRL+C in the attacker window to stop the attack.

## 5.4.6 Lab 2.6 – Protected Object Level Protections for Mitigating Attacks

You mitigated a DNS vector attack above at device level. You have again received a call that a lot of users are intermittently getting a page cannot be displayed for various applications. Your Network Operations Center has stated that none of their monitoring systems for those applications are reporting any outages. The NOC tools monitor application health using the application URLs like <http://10.1.20.12/index.php> and so on. Your users are using the application using the FQDNs. You suspect that there is an ongoing DDoS attack and you need to identify it and mitigate against it. You don't want to implement a mitigation for a vector device wide and want to specifically mitigate the suspected victim server.

- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell (use putty shortcut on Jumpbox) and launch the attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./lab2-6.sh
```

- On the WireShark start a capture/stop and identify the ongoing attack.
- On the Passive DHD identify the ongoing attack.
- Did you identify the attack? What type of attack is it? What Source IPs and Destinations IPs are involved?
- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page.
- In the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

| Parameter                          | Value            |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Name                               | DNSServer        |
| IP Address                         | 10.1.20.14       |
| Port                               | 53               |
| Protocol                           | UDP              |
| Protection Settings: Action        | Log and Mitigate |
| Protection Settings: DDoS Settings | DNS              |

- In the **DNS** row click the **+** icon, and then click **DNS A Query**.
- On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click **Create**.

| Parameter                   | Value        |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Detection Threshold EPS     | Specify: 10  |
| Detection Threshold Percent | Specify: 500 |
| Mitigation Threshold EPS    | Specify: 100 |

- On the Hybrid Defender you will now see the attack is being detected/mitigated. You have successfully mitigated a DNS A Query flood. Use CTRL+C in the attacker window to stop the attack.

## 5.4.7 Lab 2.7 – Protected Object Level Protections for Mitigating Attacks

There has been a high-profile DDoS attack and you must provide Law Enforcement some details on the offending IP addresses. In your environment at any given time you have a few hundred thousands of IP addresses observed on your network. You want to identify a few offending IP addresses and blacklist them so that you can provide the details to Law Enforcement.

- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell (use putty shortcut on Jumpbox) and launch the attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./lab2-7.sh
```

- On the WireShark start a capture and identify the ongoing attack.
- Did you identify the attack? What type of attack is it? What Source IPs and Destinations IPs are involved? Make a note of the protocol of attack and the destination IP (target).
- We will build a protected object and use Bad Actor Detection and Black Listing.
- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page
- In the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

| Parameter                          | Value            |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Name                               | BadActorServer   |
| IP Address                         | 10.1.20.12       |
| Port                               | *                |
| Protocol                           | All              |
| Protection Settings: Action        | Log and Mitigate |
| Protection Settings: DDoS Settings | UDP              |

- In the **UDP** row click the **+** icon, and then click **UDP Flood**.
- On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click **Create**.

| Parameter                          | Value        |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Detection Threshold PPS            | Specify: 100 |
| Detection Threshold Percent        | Specify: 500 |
| Mitigation Threshold EPS           | Specify: 200 |
| Bad Actor Detection                | Checked      |
| Per Source IP Detection Threshold  | 100          |
| Per Source IP Mitigation Threshold | 30           |
| Blacklist Attacking Address        | Checked      |
| Sustained Attack Detection Time    | 15           |
| Category Duration Time             | 120          |

- On the Hybrid Defender you will now see the attack is being detected/mitigated.
- View the offending IP addresses at **Security>>Event Logs>>Network>>IP Intelligence**
- View the Shun list / Blacklist at **Security>>Event Logs>>Network>>Shun**

- You have successfully identified the Bad Actors and put them in a Blacklist. Use CTRL+C in the attacker window to stop the attack.

### 5.4.8 Lab 2.8 – Whitelisting

You get a call from your QA team that is running load runner scripts against your application server 10.1.20.12 that they are seeing packets being dropped. You ask them what's the source IP address of the server they are running the load runner script from and they provide you with 10.1.17.225.

- Why do you think their packets are being dropped? Hint: Check the blacklist (**Event Logs>>Network>>Shun**). They have been added to that list. You will now need to maintain the mitigations in place and only allow 10.1.17.225 to not be enforced with any DDoS mitigations going to 10.1.20.12.
- Go to the protected object 10.1.20.12 and add the IP to the whitelist.
- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell (use putty shortcut on Jumpbox) and launch the attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./lab2-7.sh
```

- View the offending IP addresses at **Security>>Event Logs>>Network>>IP Intelligence** and **Security>>Event Logs>>Network>>Shun** and confirm that 10.1.17.225 is not being added to the list.
- You have successfully whitelisted an IP to bypass DDoS mitigations. Use CTRL+C in the attacker window to stop the attack.

### 5.4.9 Lab 2.9 – BOT Defense for Application Attacks.

HTTP DoS attacks are very popular. Some can be in form of HTTP Floods and some can be low and slow attacks (slow loris, slow post, slow read). They have been used by BOTS to bring down a site. Sometimes even though the BOTS don't bring the site down they demand for you to stand up additional infrastructure to support the traffic they are generating costing your organization a significant spend when it can be mitigated and avoided. Your organization just published a brand-new web application. As soon as it was available to public you started getting calls that the site is sometimes unavailable and slow to respond. Based on the predicted traffic patterns one server was enough to handle the valid user load. The application team viewed the web server logs and noticed that there is 30% additional traffic then predicted from what seems like automated tools. Your IT management has asked you to provide a solution on what's driving up the traffic to the server and potentially mitigate it. You will now learn how to manually mitigate BOT traffic.

- Open a PuTTY shell to the WebServer (use the shortcut on the desktop). Login with credentials: root/default. You will use the webserver's log to monitor the requests coming to the server. Once logged into the WebServer shell:

```
# cd /usr/local/apache/logs
# tail -f access_log
```

- Hit the Enter key a few times so that you can see incoming requests clearly in the blank space.
- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell (use putty shortcut on Jumpbox) and launch the attack to simulate BOT traffic:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
```



```
# ./lab2-9.sh
```

- We are just simulating 25 requests so that it's a controlled environment and you can view the requests/logs.
- View the WebServer shell where you have the tail -f access\_log running. Do you see the requests come in? What's the source IP address of the requests?
- As you can see the site is available to everyone including BOTS. You have not set this up on the DHD and hence no BOT protection is applied.
- You will now publish the website through the DHD with needed protections.
- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page and in the Protected Objects section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

| Parameter                          | Value                            |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Name                               | WebServer                        |
| IP Address                         | 10.1.20.101                      |
| Port                               | 80                               |
| VLAN (Selected)                    | <b>defaultVLAN (uncheck ANY)</b> |
| Protection Settings: Action        | Log and Mitigate                 |
| Protection Settings: DDoS Settings | IPv4, TCP, HTTP                  |

- By simply creating the Protected Object and applying HTTP protections the BOT protections are automatically turned on. Everyone will now access the web application through the DHD with mitigations enforced.
- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell (use putty shortcut on Jumpbox) and launch the attack to simulate BOT traffic:

```
# sudo bash
```

```
# cd f5agility
```

```
# ./lab2-9.sh
```

- View the WebServer log (tail -f access\_log) in the shell. You will not see requests come through this time from the attacker.
  - View the mitigation in **Security>>Event Logs>>Bot Defense>>Requests**. All the requests from the BOT are blocked.
  - Open a firefox browser on the Jumpbox and go to <http://10.1.20.101>. This request will open your web application and its not blocked as it's not a BOT. You will also see the request in the WebServer log shell.
  - View the valid request from your browser in the DHD in **Security>>Event Logs>>Bot Defense>>Requests**. You will notice that valid requests are being challenged and allowed only after a valid response. Note: There is a default grace period of 300s when the mitigation is implemented so some requests are allowed as grace. This is Proactive BOT defense in action.
  - View the BOT Defense in **Security>>Reporting>>DoS>>Analysis** and look at the graph under HTTP -> Transaction Outcomes. **Please be patient as these graphs are usually populated with a delay.**
- You have successfully mitigated BOT traffic to your application. CTRL+C in all shell windows and close them all.

## 5.5 Module 3: Automatic Mitigations

### 5.5.1 Lab 3.1 – Auto Thresholding for Mitigating Attacks.

Your organization is about to launch a new marketing campaign and there is a website that will host the content. You want to make sure that the application is protected against DDoS attacks but are not sure what traffic patterns are or what values to set for detections/rate limits/mitigations. You will create a Protected Object for the marketing website and use automatic mitigations.

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection>>Quick Configuration** page and in the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

| Parameter                          | Value            |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Name                               | MarketingServer  |
| IP Address                         | 10.1.20.15       |
| Port                               | *                |
| Protocol                           | All Protocols    |
| Protection Settings: Action        | Log and Mitigate |
| Threshold Sensitivity              | High             |
| Protection Settings: DDoS Settings | IPv4, TCP,       |

Generate some good traffic to the marketing server.

- Putty SSH (use the shortcut) to open a shell to the good client system.
- Login as user: ubuntu. The session is preconfigured to authenticate with a certificate.
- Start the auto-threshold baselining script with:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./auto_baseline.sh
```

Let this baseline traffic run for at least 10 minutes before proceeding to the below step.

In our lab we need to roll back the device level protection so that it doesn't mitigate the stress we are generating for the auto-threshold on the MarketingServer.

- In the Configuration Utility, in the **Device Protection** section click **Device Configuration**.
- In the **Flood** row click the + icon, and then click **ICMPv4 flood**.
- On the right-side of the page select the drop-down to “**Detect-Only**”

| Parameter                   | Value        |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Mitigation                  | Fully Manual |
| Detection Threshold EPS     | Infinite     |
| Detection Threshold Percent | 500          |
| Rate/Leak Limit             | Infinite     |

Click **Update** at the bottom of the screen. This will allow our attack to pass through to the automatic mitigation profile of the MarketingServer that we are configuring below.

In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, for the **MarketingServer** Protected Object configuration, enable auto-thresholding for the following vectors: **ICMPv4 Flood**, **TCP SYN Flood**, **TCP Push Flood**, **TCP RST**

**Flood, TCP SYN ACK Flood** by selecting each vector and **clicking the “Fully Automatic” Configuration radio button**. When all vectors are configured, click **Update** at the bottom of the screen.

- In the Hybrid Defender WebUI, view the Auto Threshold event log by navigation to **Security>>Event Logs>>DoS>>Network>>Auto Threshold**.

The system is updating the detection thresholds. With auto-thresholding, the system adjusts the detection thresholds based on observed traffic patterns. However, mitigation rate limits are always dynamic based on detected system or protected object stress. If anomalous levels of traffic are running, but there is no stress, the Hybrid Defender will generate alerts but will not block traffic. Under stress, the rate limits are automatically created and adjusted dynamically.

Generate some stress by launching an attack.

Access the Attacker System CLI/shell (use putty shortcut on Jumpbox) and launch the attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./lab3-1.sh
```

Keep on refreshing the Auto Threshold event log **Security>>Event Logs>>DoS>>Network>>Auto Threshold** and observe how the values are changing dynamically. Even though our attack is ICMPv4 flood the other vectors that are set to Fully Automatically are also being adjusted dynamically.

View **Security>>DoS Protection>>DoS Overview**. Notice how automatic detection and mitigation is happening as stress varies.

Stop all scripts and attacks using CTRL + C.

## 5.5.2 Lab 3.2 – Behavioral L4 for Mitigating Attacks

In this lab you will use the Hybrid Defender’s network behavioral DoS analysis capabilities and its ability to interpret behavioral history and stress to automatically generate and enforce a precise, dynamic signature. This capability allows the granular filtering of the good from the bad, which is a major challenge in DoS mitigation. The bad must be accurately identified to mitigate the DoS attack, particularly if the attack changes over time. Enforcement of a very precise signature, with enforcement thresholds based on system or network stress signals, dramatically reduces false positives—increasing network and application availability.

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page
- In the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

| Parameter                          | Value                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Name                               | BaDoSL4Server            |
| IP Address                         | 10.1.20.13               |
| Port                               | *                        |
| Protocol                           | All Protocols            |
| Protection Settings: Action        | Log and Mitigate         |
| Protection Settings: DDoS Settings | IPv4, TCP, L4 Behavioral |

- In the **L4 Behavioral** row click the + icon.
- Configure under Dynamic Signatures using the following information, and then click **Create**.

| Parameter              | Value     |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Learn Only             | Unchecked |
| Mitigation Sensitivity | High      |

- Putty SSH (use the shortcut) to open a shell to the good client system.
- Login as user: ubuntu. The session is preconfigured to authenticate with a certificate.
- Start the behavioral L4 baselining script with:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./baseline_L4.sh
```

You can monitor the learning progress on the DHD.

- Putty SSH (use the shortcut) to open **two shells** to the HybridDefender.
- Login as user: root and password provided.
- View the behavioral L4 baselining learning with following in 1<sup>st</sup> shell. Notice the learning phase In Progress.

```
# cd f5agility
# ./show_baseline_L4_status.sh
```

- View the behavioral L4 baselining bins populating in 2nd shell.

```
# cd f5agility
# ./show_baseline_L4_bins.sh
```

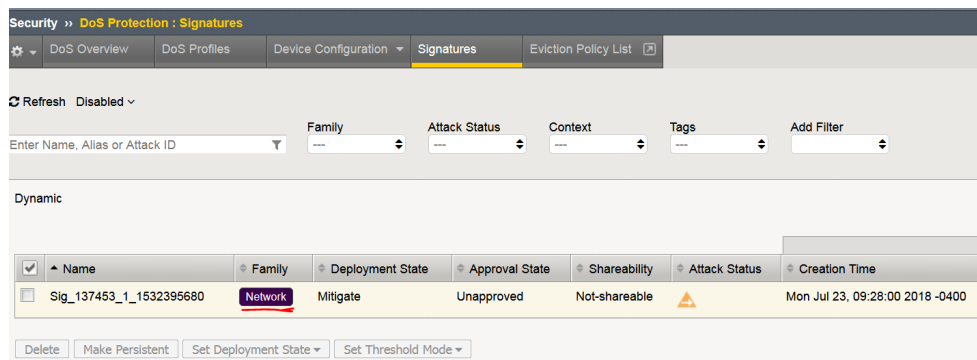
- While the learning is happening, we need to turn off some manual mitigations at Device Level as they will block our attack that is going to create stress to trigger dynamic signatures.
- In the Configuration Utility, in the **Device Protection** section click **Device Configuration**.
- In the **Flood** row click the + icon, and then change click **TCP SYN Flood**, **TCP SYN Oversize** and change the attack vector to **“Detect-Only”**.
- In the **Single Endpoint** row click the + icon, and then change click **Single Endpoint Sweep** and change the attack vector to **“Detect-Only”**.

Make sure the status is changed from “In Progress” to “Finished” for the learning phase on the DHD before proceeding to the next steps below (about 15 minutes)

- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell and launch the attack:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./lab3-2.sh
```

On the Hybrid Defender you will now see the attack is being detected/mitigated. . Did you notice the dynamic signatures in DoS Overview window? Give it a couple of minutes and it will show up. You can view the signature **Security>>DoS Protection>>Signatures** under Dynamic Signature section. Click on the “Network” (not the signature hyperlink) to view details of the signature.



Use CTRL+C in all shells - attacker, good traffic, DHD to stop all scripts.

### 5.5.3 Lab 3.3 – Behavioral L7 for Mitigating Attacks

In this lab you will use the Hybrid Defender's application behavioral DoS analysis capabilities and its ability to interpret behavioral history and stress to automatically generate and enforce a precise, dynamic signature. This capability allows the granular filtering of the good from the bad, which is a major challenge in DoS mitigation. The bad must be accurately identified to mitigate the DoS attack, particularly if the attack changes over time. Enforcement of a very precise signature, with enforcement thresholds based on system, network or application stress signals, dramatically reduces false positives—increasing network and application availability.

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Protection > Quick Configuration** page and in the
- In the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

| Parameter                          | Value            |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Name                               | BaDoSL7Server    |
| IP Address                         | 10.1.20.20       |
| Port                               | 80               |
| Protocol                           | TCP              |
| Protection Settings: Action        | Log and Mitigate |
| Protection Settings: DDoS Settings | IPv4, TCP, HTTP  |

- In the **HTTP** row click the **+** icon.
- Click **Behavioral** and in the right pane configure using the following information.

| Parameter                   | Value               |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Mitigation                  | Standard Protection |
| Request Signature Detection | Checked             |

- Click **Proactive Bot Defense** and in the right pane configure using the following information.

| Parameter       | Value    |
|-----------------|----------|
| Mitigate Action | Disabled |

- Click **DOS Tool** and in the right pane configure using the following information, and then click **Create**.

| Parameter       | Value  |
|-----------------|--------|
| Mitigate Action | Report |

Putty SSH (use the shortcut) to open **two shells** to the good client system.

- Login as user: ubuntu. The session is preconfigured to authenticate with a key.
- Start the behavioral L7 baselining script in both shells with:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./baseline_L7.sh
```

Select **1) Increasing** in first shell and **2) Alternate** in the second shell.

You will see a few 0000 statuses as there are certain bad requests in the script. But majority of status is 200s.

You can monitor the learning progress on the DHD.

- Putty SSH (use the shortcut) to open a shell to the HybridDefender.
- Login as user: root and password provided.
- View the behavioral L7 baseline learning with following. Notice the learning phase In Progress.

```
# cd f5agility
# ./show_L7BaDoS_learning.sh
```

- The output is like this:  
"vs./Common/BaDoSL7Server+/Common/BaDoSL7Server.info.learning:[**62.0614**, 6, 7061, 100]"
- It will be 0.00 for a while (in above example output **62.0614** is the average approximation to the learned baselines)
- For this demo, wait until you have reached at least 80.00-90.00 (**the first number in the output**). This should happen after about 8-10 minutes. Once you see 80.00 and above you can move to next steps.
- The longer it runs, the better it is, because the system is self-adjusting permanently.

Make sure the status is "80.00-90.00" range (the first number in the output) for the learning phase on the DHD before proceeding to the next steps (about 10 minutes). Once you see 80.00 and above you can move on.

- Hit CTRL+C in the DHD Shell and stop this learning status. We will now use this Shell window to see the dynamic signature that is generated.
- Keep this shell window easily viewable. Behavioral L7 mitigation is very dynamic and hence based on the environmental conditions, underlying infrastructure for your lab instance some of you may see the Signature quickly appear and vanish, some may not see it and some will see it longer. Basically, the Signature mitigation is triggered and then by default the offending IP is added to Bad Actor/Shun list and the signature disappears if the system identifies it's no longer needed for mitigation.

```
# ./show_dos_signature.sh
```

- Access the Attacker System CLI/shell (use putty shortcut on Jumpbox) and launch the attack. Open **TWO** shells. In first shell:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./lab3-3.sh
```

Choose **1) Attack Start – Similarity**

- In Second shell:

```
# sudo bash
# cd f5agility
# ./lab3-3.sh
```

### Choose 2) Attack Start – Score

As soon as the attack is started you will see that your baseline traffic status of 200s in the good client is now suddenly going to 0000. Wait for a couple of minutes till it returns to a lot more 200s. (Keep the eye on the DHD Shell for Signature)

On the Hybrid Defender Shell you will now see the attack is being mitigated and a signature may appear (see note above).

View Bot Defense logs. **Security>>Event Logs>>Bot Defense>>Requests**

View Bad Actor Log/Blacklist and notice the offending IP is added to the list. **Security>>Event Logs>>Network>>Shun**

Use CTRL+C in all open shell windows (Attacker, Good Client, Hybrid Defender) to STOP all traffic and scripts. Close out all windows





## Multilayer DDoS Protection

### 6.1 Introduction

#### THE PROBLEM

On-premises DDoS defenses can be very effective for blocking most DDoS attacks locally and, being Always-On, can block most attacks immediately. However, they are useless in the case of large volumetric attacks. On the other hand, while Cloud-based DDoS protection (On-Demand) works well for volumetric attacks, it struggles with much slower mitigation response, increased latency, higher operational complexity and the inability to handle HTTPS encrypted attacks due to its asymmetric nature.

#### THE SOLUTION

Thoroughly and effectively protect your critical web applications from all types of DDoS attacks with a combination of On-Premises and Cloud-Based DDoS services, leveraging multilayer protection techniques that are able to mitigate volumetric attacks, application-level attacks and HTTPS encrypted attacks while minimizing both application downtime and business impact. Intelligent application attacks, encrypted or not, can be handled on-premises with F5's DDoS Hybrid Defender (DHD) which provides next-generation DDoS defense to ensure real-time, Always-ON, protection while large volumetric attacks are handled by F5's Silverline DDoS Protection cloud service which, working On-Demand, detects and mitigates DDoS attacks in real time.

#### 6.1.1 F5 Silverline

F5 Silverline is a cloud-based, fully managed security service for WAF and DDoS protection. F5 Silverline provides Enterprise customers proven security technologies coupled with world-class security professionals. F5's security experts are an extension to the customer's staff and allow them to defeat the largest and most complex attacks.

The primary customer benefits to F5 Silverline include:

- Minimize the risk of data breach and downtime
- Enhance security visibility to their application state
- Reduced operational expense and capital investment required for application security
- Ensure timely detection and fast restoration of services in the event of an attack

### 6.1.2 F5 DDoS Hybrid Defender

F5® DDoS Hybrid Defender™ (DHD) protects your organization against a wide range of DDoS attacks using a multi-pronged approach. By combining on-premises and cloud technologies, analytics, and advanced methods, DDoS Hybrid Defender is a hybrid solution that detects network and application layer attacks and is easy to deploy and manage.

DDoS Hybrid Defender mitigates against the full spectrum of DDoS attacks including:

- Network capacity attacks
- DNS and SIP protocol volumetric attacks
- HTTP and HTTPS volumetric attacks
- HTTP and HTTPS CPU-based (heavy URL) attacks

You can specify which objects to protect on the network, assigning the appropriate protections to network devices and application servers, and prevent attackers from exhausting network resources and impacting application availability.

#### **Deployments:**

The deployment you use for DDoS Hybrid Defender™ depends on the needs of your organization. For maximum DDoS protection, it is recommended that you deploy DDoS Hybrid Defender inline. However, it can also be deployed out of band, or in locations where symmetric data flows are not guaranteed.

Typical locations for the placement of DDoS Hybrid Defender are at the edge of the network or at the edge of the data center

#### **Inline deployment**

DDoS Hybrid Defender provides maximum protection when deployed inline in one of two ways:

- Bridged mode with VLAN groups (This is default and we will use in our labs)
- Routed mode

#### **Out of band deployment**

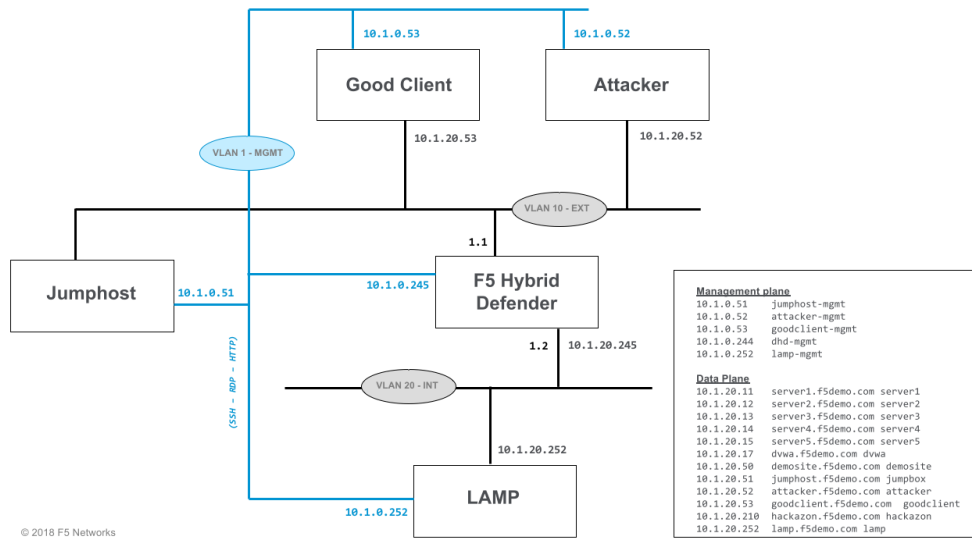
You can deploy DDoS Hybrid Defender out of band in two ways:

- Set up a Layer 2 switch with span ports so that it mirrors traffic onto DHD
- Configure network devices so that they send NetFlow data to DDoS Hybrid Defender

## 6.2 Hybrid Defender Setup

### 6.2.1 Getting Started

#### Lab Diagram



**Note:** You may have noticed that although clients (goodclient, attacker) and server (LAMP) are sitting at the same network subnet [10.1.20.0/24], they're in different VLANs actually (internal - ID 20 vs external - ID 10). Those two VLANs will be grouped together (VLAN Group) and act like a single Layer-2 broadcast domain.

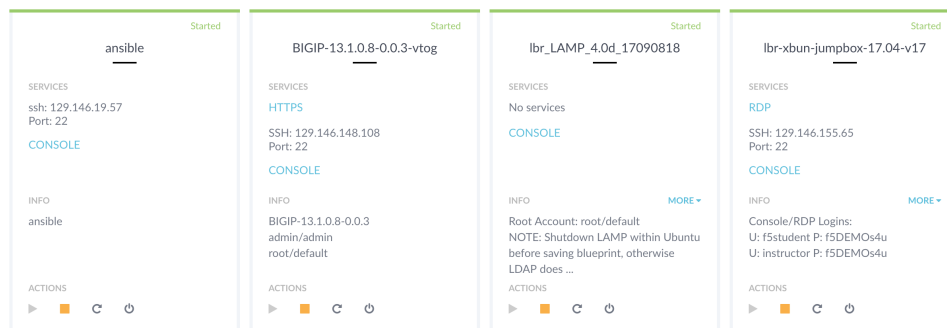
#### Networking Info

IP addressing, Out of Band management, and credentials for all components:

| Component  | VLAN/IP Address(es)                                                                                                       | Credentials                  |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| jumphost   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Management:</b> 10.1.0.51</li> <li>• <b>internal:</b> 10.1.20.51</li> </ul>   | f5student/[will be provided] |
| attacker   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Management:</b> 10.1.0.52</li> <li>• <b>internal:</b> 10.1.20.52</li> </ul>   | f5student/[will be provided] |
| goodclient | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Management:</b> 10.1.0.53</li> <li>• <b>internal:</b> 10.1.20.53</li> </ul>   | f5student/[will be provided] |
| lamp       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Management:</b> 10.1.0.252</li> <li>• <b>internal:</b> 10.1.20.252</li> </ul> | f5/[will be provided]        |
| F5-DHD     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Management:</b> 10.1.0.244</li> <li>• <b>internal:</b> 10.1.20.244</li> </ul> | root/[will be provided]      |

## Accessing the lab environment

1. Open a browser and go to <http://training.f5agility.com>, then enter your Class# and Student# as provided by your instructor.



2. Look for the **jumphost** virtual machine. Use the RDP client of your choice and work from there, you are going to use it for all labs.

**Hint:** You can use either use the PUTTY client provisioned on your jumphost desktop, or native shell prompt in order to access both **goodclient** and **attacker** virtual machines. Private keys have been configured in advance so you won't need passwords. A few scripts require root access. Don't forget to **sudo** before running attacks, baselines, etc.

1. Run the following scripts from both **goodclient** and **attacker** hosts. It's going to sync the tools to be used in the entire lab.

```
~/update_tools.sh
```

## 6.2.2 Re-License your DHD Device

**Important:** For Silverline device registration to function properly the Hybrid Defender device must have a unique device ID, which is comprised of unique attributes like Base MAC and registration key.

For the following steps please use the registration key provided by your instructor.

1. Go to System->License and then click on **Re-activate**.

System >> License

Summary Resource Provisioning

**General Properties**

|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| License Type            | Evaluation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Licensed Date           | Jul 24, 2018                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| License Expiration Date | Sep 8, 2018                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Active Modules          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DDOS Hybrid Defender, VE-1G (XEGCOET-XFATJCV)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ SSL, VE</li><li>◦ Routing Bundle</li><li>◦ Max Compression, VE</li></ul></li><li>• IP Intelligence, 1Yr, VE-1G(Subscription) (LKCQTKH-XDXQLBH)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Subscription expires after Sep 8, 2018</li></ul></li></ul> |
| Optional Modules        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IP Intelligence, 3Yr, VE-1G</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Inactive Modules        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

Re-activate...

2. Edit the **Base Registration Key**, replacing it by the new license key. The **Activation Method** option must be manual. Then click **Next**.

**System » License » Re-activate...**

Summary

**General Properties**

|                              |                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Base Registration Key        | QNRNO-YNBJL-OGEJN-ZLNBC-LGXNCTW <a href="#">Edit...</a>                                                  |
| Add-On Registration Key List | Add-On Key <input type="text"/> <a href="#">Add</a>                                                      |
|                              | XEGCOET-XFATJCV<br>LKCQTKH-XDXQLBH<br><a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>                        |
| Activation Method            | <input type="radio"/> Automatic (requires outbound connectivity) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Manual |
| License Comparison           | <input type="checkbox"/> Enable License Comparison                                                       |

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3. Select all in the **Dossier** frame and copy it. Click on **Click here to access F5 Licensing Server**.

**General Properties**

|                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Registration Key         | VLPUS-QGRVW-XDZGB-CSQEP-ZTILSHV                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Registration Key List    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Manual Method            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Copy/Paste Text <input type="radio"/> Download/Upload File                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Step 2: Licensing Server | <a href="#">Click here to access F5 Licensing Server</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Step 3: License          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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4. Agree with the contract terms, copy the contents in the license frame, then click **Next** .

## Activate F5 Product

Cut and paste your license key from the form below, or click the download button to download a copy of the license file.

[Download license](#)

```
#
# Accumulated Tokens for Module
# SSL, VE perf SSL Mbps 1 key WBZRNJB-BKOUXNK
#
perf SSL Mbps : 1
#
# Accumulated Tokens for Module
# DDOS Hperf VE cores 2 key WBZRNJB-BKOUXNK
#
# Accumulated Tokens for Module
# DDOS Hperf VE throughput Mbps 1000 key WBZRNJB-BKOUXNK
#
perf VE cores : 2
perf VE throughput Mbps : 1000
#
# License Tokens for Module DDOS Hybrid Defender, VE-1G key WBZRNJB-
BKOUXNK
#
#
```

5. Go back to your F5 DHD and paste the contents copied from the above. **License** and click **Next**.

System >> License >> Re-activate...

Summary

General Properties

|                       |                                                                                             |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Registration Key      | VLPUS-QGRVW-XDZGB-CSQEP-ZTILSHV                                                             |
| Registration Key List |                                                                                             |
| Manual Method         | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Copy/Paste Text <input type="radio"/> Download/Upload File |

Step 1: Dossier

```
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```

Step 2: Licensing Server

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Step 3: License

```
#
# Outbound License Authorization Signature
#
# Authorization : 78074a53e0aa41099e905d85427b26f913e0eede3725ae27232062aa784b4926584282d0f96;
#
#-----
# Copyright 1996-2018, F5 Networks, Inc.
# All rights reserved.
#-----
```

Cancel Next...

**Hint:** The BIG-IP will restart daemons and a window will pop up indicating system configuration has changed. Please wait for it to reconnect and click **Continue**. Your device is now licensed. Click **Next**

### 6.2.3 Perform Initial DHD Network Configuration

1. In the **BIG-IP Configuration Utility**, open the DoS Protection-> Quick Configuration page.
2. Open the Network Configuration page, then In the **Default Network** section click **default-VLAN**.

3. Configure the Default Network settings as follows, then click on **Done Editing**

|                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Internal VLAN tag:   | blank                    |
| Internal Interfaces: | 1.2 (Click untagged/Add) |
| External VLAN tag:   | blank                    |
| External Interfaces: | 1.1 (Click untagged/Add) |
| IP Address/Mask:     | 10.1.20.244/24           |

1. In the Routes section click **Create**.
2. Configure the route using following information, and then click **Done Editing**, and then click **Update**.

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Route name:      | default   |
| Destination:     | 0.0.0.0   |
| Netmask:         | 0.0.0.0   |
| Gateway Address: | 10.1.20.2 |

1. By this time you should be able to reach the **LAMP** server from both **attacker** and **goclient** machines. Open up a terminal shell with both machines and confirm they can reach out to the **LAMP** server before moving forward.

```
f5student@attacker:~$ ping -c 3 server1
PING server1.f5demo.com (10.1.20.11) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from server1.f5demo.com (10.1.20.11): icmp_seq=1 ttl=64
↪time=9.73 ms
64 bytes from server1.f5demo.com (10.1.20.11): icmp_seq=2 ttl=64
↪time=6.21 ms
64 bytes from server1.f5demo.com (10.1.20.11): icmp_seq=3 ttl=64
↪time=5.88 ms

--- server1.f5demo.com ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2002ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 5.880/7.277/9.736/1.744 ms
f5student@attacker:~$
```

## 6.2.4 Register DHD Device with Silverline

For Silverline signaling we will be leveraging both the DHD built-in signaling, as well as bandwidth utilization reporting for Hybrid DDoS protection.



1. Go to System-> Platform menu and change the hostname as below. This will make easier to identify alerts from your particular device in the Silverline Portal. When finished, click **Update**.

dhd-[student#].latam.f5demo.com

| General Properties            |                                                                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Management Port Configuration | <input type="radio"/> Automatic (DHCP) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Manual |
| Management Port               | IP Address/prefix: 10.1.0.244                                                  |
|                               | Network Mask: 255.255.255.0                                                    |
|                               | Management Route: 10.1.0.2                                                     |
| Host Name                     | dhd-00.latam.f5demo.com                                                        |
| Host IP Address               | Use Management Port IP Address                                                 |
| Time Zone                     | America/Los Angeles                                                            |

2. In Device Management->Devices select the device and then click **Change Device Name**.

| Status | Name                           | Address    | Hostname                | Version                         |
|--------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
|        | dhd-00.latam.f5demo.com (Self) | 10.1.0.244 | dhd-77.latam.f5demo.com | BIG-IP v13.0.0 (Build 2.0.1671) |

3. Update the device name to match the hostname you have chosen. **Important:** Use your student number.

| Change Device Name            |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| New Name                      | dhd-77.latam.f5demo.com  |
| Certificate Signing Authority | Retain Current Authority |

Update Cancel Generate

4. Open a terminal session with the Hybrid Defender and restart services:

```
bigstart restart
```

5. Now proceed with the Silverline registration. Go to DoS Protection-> Quick Configuration-> Silverline. Fill out the **Authentication Credentials** fields as follows, then click **Update**.

|             |                              |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| username    | dhd2018us@f5agility.com      |
| password    | [will be provided]           |
| Service URL | https://api.f5silverline.com |

DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » Silverline

Protected Objects | Logging | **Silverline** | Network Configuration | Global Settings | High Availability | About

**Silverline Authentication Credentials**

Username: dhd2018us@f5agility.com

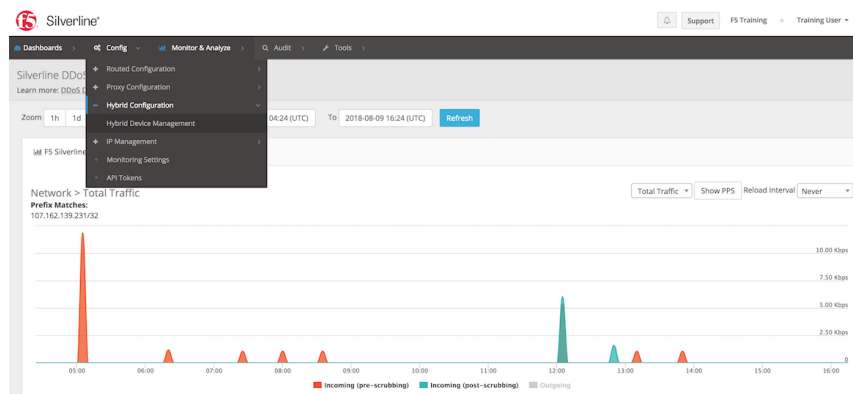
Password: \*\*\*\*\*

Service URL: https://api.f5silverline.com

Cancel Update

**Hint:** That screen provides no feedback when the authentication actually works, so no worries. Go to the next step unless you got an error message here.

- From another tab in your browser, access the Silverline Portal <https://portal.f5silverline.com> using same DHD admin account.
- Navigate to Config-> Hybrid Config-> Hybrid Device Management



- Enter the hostname of your DHD device in the Search field. Verify that you have both registrations. Approve them and you're done!

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| Host                     | Device Token                                   | Device Type  | Registered At          | Tags                                                                            | Approved                            | Suppressed               |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| dhd-77.latham.f5demo.com | 32:63:3A:63:32:3A-QNND-YNBL-OGEJ-ZLNBC-LGXNCTW | Hercules DHD | 2018-08-08 21:43 (UTC) | hostname=dhd-77.latham.f5demo.com, lapp_instanceconnector, silverline_connector | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| dhd-77.latham.f5demo.com | 2C:C2:60:0F:36:83-QNND-YNBL-OGEJ-ZLNBC-LGXNCTW | Hercules DHD | 2018-08-09 16:41 (UTC) | hostname=dhd-77.latham.f5demo.com, lapp_instancepbidos, silverline_connector    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Showing 1 to 2 of 2 entries (filtered from 21 total entries)

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## 6.3 Module - Network Level DoS Protection

In this module you will learn how the F5 Hybrid Defender protects from several network level DDoS vectors.

### 6.3.1 Lab – Launching Network-Level Flood Attacks

The idea in this lab is to observe how poorly the application performs when the network is under attack.

## Configure DHD Device Bandwidth Thresholds

1. In the **Configuration Utility**, open the **Protected Objects** page.
2. In the **Network Protection** section click **Create**.
3. Configure as follows then click **Save**.

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Maximum Bandwidth: Specify | 100           |
| Scrubbing Threshold: Type  | Percentage    |
| Scrubbing Threshold: Value | 60            |
| Advertisement Method       | Silverline    |
| Scrubber Details: Type     | Advertise All |

**Device Protection**

| Name                                 | DDoS Configurations                                                 | Action           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <a href="#">Device Configuration</a> | Bad Headers, DNS, Flood, Fragmentation, Single Endpoint, SIP, Other | Log And Mitigate |

**Network Protection** Delete Edit

| Maximum Bandwidth              | Scrubbing Threshold                                            | Advertisement Method  | Scrubber Details                                                          |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <div>Specify... 100 Mbps</div> | <div>Type: Percentage</div> <div>Value: 60 % of 100 Mbps</div> | <div>Silverline</div> | <div>Type: Advertise All</div> <div>IPv4: any</div> <div>IPv6: any6</div> |

Save Cancel

## Turning Device-Level Protection off

1. In the **Configuration Utility**, in the **Device Protection** section click **Device Configuration**.

**DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » Protected Objects**

Protected Objects Logging Silverline Network Configuration Global Settings High Availability About

**Device Protection**

| Name                                 | DDoS Configurations                                                 | Action           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <a href="#">Device Configuration</a> | Bad Headers, DNS, Flood, Fragmentation, Single Endpoint, SIP, Other | Log And Mitigate |

2. In the **Bad Headers** row click the **+** icon, and then click **Bad Source**.
3. On the right-side of the page configure using the following information.

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Detection Threshold PPS     | Infinite |
| Detection Threshold Percent | Infinite |
| Rate/Leak Limit             | Infinite |

DoS Protection » Quick Configuration » DoS Device Configuration

**Properties**  
Auto Threshold Sensitivity: Medium

**Whitelist**

| Name                  | Source  |      | Destination |      |          |
|-----------------------|---------|------|-------------|------|----------|
|                       | Address | VLAN | Address     | Port | Protocol |
| No records to display |         |      |             |      |          |

Create New

**Protection Settings**

Action: Log And Mitigate

Silverline: ☐

DDoS Settings: ☒ Bad Headers ☒ DNS ☒ Flood ☒ Fragmentation ☒ Single Endpoint ☒ SIP ☒ Behavioral ☒ Other

**Bad Headers**

| Vector             | Detection Threshold PPS | Attack Threshold Percent | Rate/Leak Limit |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Bad ICMP Checksum  | 10                      | 500                      | 100             |
| Bad ICMP Frame     | 1000                    | 500                      | 10000           |
| Bad IGMP Frame     | 1000                    | 500                      | 10000           |
| Bad IP TTL Value   | 1000                    | 500                      | 10000           |
| Bad IP Version     | 1000                    | 500                      | 10000           |
| Bad IPv6 Addr      | 1000                    | 500                      | 10000           |
| Bad IPv6 Hop Count | 1000                    | 500                      | 10000           |
| Bad IPv6 Version   | 1000                    | 500                      | 10000           |
| Bad SCTP Checksum  | 1000                    | 500                      | 10000           |
| Bad Source         | 1000                    | 500                      | 10000           |
| Bad TCP Checksum   | 10                      | 500                      | 100             |

**Bad Source** Enforce

Attack Vector

Detection Threshold PPS: Specify 1000

Detection Threshold Percent: Specify 500

Rate/Leak Limit: Specify 10000

- Now In the **Flood** row, click the + icon, and then click **ICMPv4 flood**.
- On the right-side of the page configure using the following information.

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Detection Threshold PPS     | Infinite |
| Detection Threshold Percent | Infinite |
| Rate/Leak Limit             | Infinite |

**Properties**

**ICMPv4 flood** Enforce

Attack Vector

☐ Auto-Threshold Configuration

☒ Manual Configuration

Detection Threshold PPS: Specify 10000

Detection Threshold Percent: Specify 500

Rate/Leak Limit: Specify 100000

☐ Simulate Auto Threshold

☐ Bad Actor Detection

- Apply the settings above for TCP SYN flood and UDP Flood.
- In the **Behavioral** row click on **Learn Only**, then click **Update**.

Behavioral

Dynamic Signatures

Learn Only ☒

Learning 

Start Relearning

Learning Phase End Time Aug 12 2018 21:01:28-0700 - (In Progress)

Current Device Statistics

| Vector | Detection Threshold PPS | Detection Threshold Percent | Bad Actor | Current | 1 min. Average | 1 hr Average |
|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|----------------|--------------|
|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|----------------|--------------|

Other

Cancel Update

8. On the **goodclient**, start the network baselining (Let it running for the entire lab)

```
sudo ~/tools_agility_183/baseline_l4.sh
```

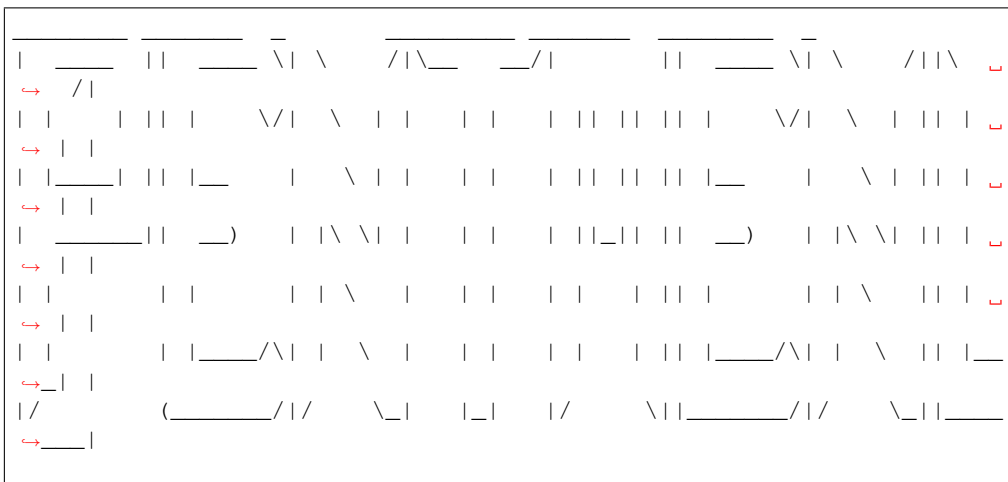
**Important:** In order to assure best performance and good lab results, always use the management network ip addresses/hostnames for remote access (goodclient-mgmt, attacker-mgmt and lamp-mgmt)

```
f5student@goodclient:~$ cd ~/tools_agility_183/
f5student@goodclient:~/tools_agility_183$ ./baseline_l4.sh
/ status: 200 bytes: 3952 time: 0.016
/ status: 200 bytes: 3952 time: 0.019
/ status: 200 bytes: 3952 time: 0.014
/ status: 200 bytes: 3952 time: 0.014
/ status: 200 bytes: 3952 time: 0.018
/ status: 200 bytes: 3952 time: 0.221
/httprequest.php status: 200 bytes: 699 time: 0.014
/httprequest.php status: 200 bytes: 699 time: 0.014
```

## Launch an ICMP flood Attack on the LAMP Server

**Hint:** The pentest tool can be used to send several types of DoS Attacks for the most part of the lab, few free to try it out. For some specific exercises there will be custom shell scrips though.

```
sudo ~/tools_agility_183/pentest
```



```

Welcome to pentmenu!
Please report all bugs, improvements and suggestions to https://
↳github.com/GinjaChris/pentmenu/issues
This software is only for responsible, authorised use.
YOU are responsible for your own actions!
Please review the readme at https://raw.githubusercontent.com/
↳GinjaChris/pentmenu/master/README.md before proceeding

1) Recon
2) DOS
3) Extraction
4) View Readme
5) Quit
Pentmenu>

```

1. Hit option **2** (DOS), then **1** (ICMP Echo Flood)
2. Use Attack options as follows:

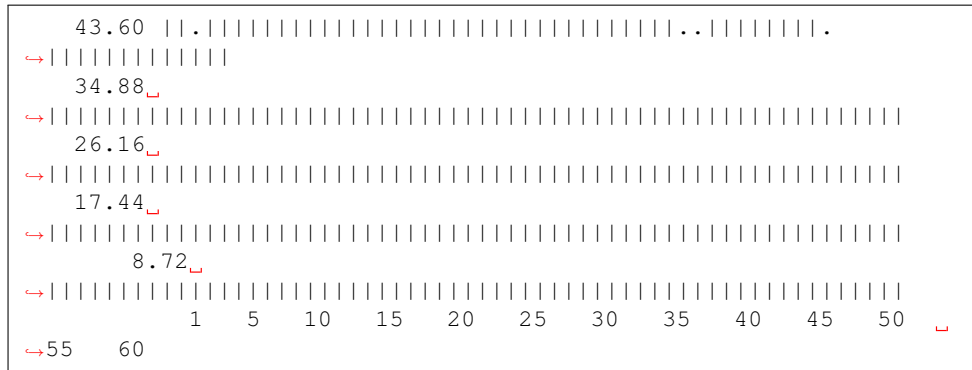
|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Enter target IP/hostname: | server1    |
| Enter Source IP:          | r (random) |

3. Now open two more terminal sessions with **attacker** and **lamp** servers respectively. On each screen open the **bmon** util for instant traffic stats.

```

eth1
Interfaces          | RX bps      pps      %| TX bps      %
↳ pps              %
lo                  |      0       0      |      0
↳ 0
eth0                |    66B       1      |    545B
↳ 1
    qdisc none (pfifo_fast) |      0       0      |    525B
↳ 1
->eth1              |    77B       1      |    1.59MiB
↳39.63K
    qdisc none (pfifo_fast) |      0       0      |    1.59MiB
↳39.63K
-----?-----?-----
                                (RX Packtes/second)
    5.00  ....|...|.....|.....|.....|.....|.....
↳ ...
    4.17  ...|||...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...
↳ .||
    3.33  ...|||...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...
↳ |||
    2.50  ...|||...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...
↳ |||
    1.67  .|||...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...
↳ |||
    0.83  |||...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...
↳ |||
    1      5      10      15      20      25      30      35      40      45      50      55
↳60
    K
    52.32  .....|...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...|...
↳ ...

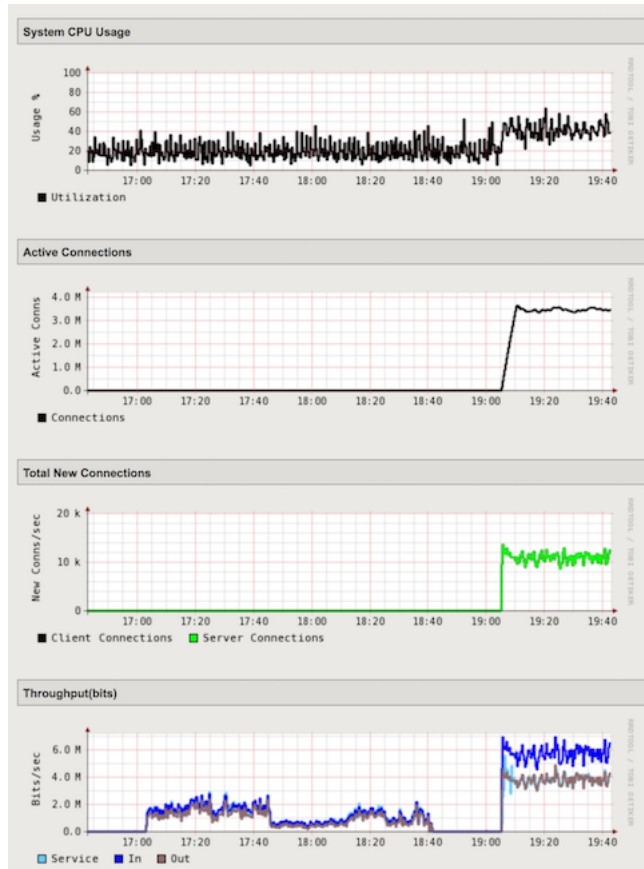
```



**Hint:** Use either the RIGHT and LEFT arrow keys to move between Bps and pps metrics. Don't forget selecting the right interface using the UP/DOWN arrow keys. **Attacker** uses eth1 and **Lamp** uses eth4 for data traffic.

4. Open a terminal session with the **DHD** and use the tcpdump util to verify that ICMP attack traffic is passing through the device.
 

```
[root@dhd:Active:Standalone] config # tcpdump -i defaultVLAN
```
5. Observe the baseline running on goodclient. Since the flood attack is hitting the server hard, the legitimate client sessions are being degraded. Look at the statute code **000** for most requests.
6. In the **Configuration Utility**, open the Statistics-> Performance-> Performance page. As you can see, there is a drastic spike in the traffic.



7. Open the Security-> DoS Protection-> DoS Overview page.

8. In the Filter Type field select **Device DoS**. Then on the left corner search for ICMP.

Security >> DoS Protection : DoS Overview

DoS Overview | DoS Profiles | Device Configuration | Eviction Policy List | Behavioral Signatures

Context Filter

Filter Type: Device DoS

Auto Refresh: Disabled Refresh

ICMP

| Attack Vector                        | State    | Layer   | Attack Status |           | Average Aggregate PPS |       |        | Dropped PPS |           | Threshold Mode | Detectio |
|--------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------------|----------|
|                                      |          |         | Aggregate     | Bad Actor | Current               | 1 min | 1 hour | Aggregate   | Bad Actor |                |          |
| <a href="#">Bad ICMP checksum</a>    | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 10       |
| <a href="#">Bad ICMP frame</a>       | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 1000     |
| <a href="#">ICMP fragmented</a>      | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 1000     |
| <a href="#">ICMP frame too large</a> | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 1000     |
| <a href="#">ICMPv4 flood</a>         | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 12254                 | 10806 | 6128   | 0           | 0         | Manual         | Infinite |
| <a href="#">ICMPv6 flood</a>         | Enforced | NETWORK | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 10000    |

9. Review the statistics for Current, 1 min. Average, and 1 hr Average.

10. **Open the Security-> Event Logs-> DoS-> Network-> Events page.** The log file is empty as we disabled device-level flood protection on **BIG-IP DHD**.

11. From the attacker terminal session type **Ctrl + C** to stop the ICMP flood.



### 6.3.2 Lab - Configure Hybrid Defender Flood Protections

This lab teaches you on how to configure DoS protection for common network-level DoS vectors.

#### Configure Protected Object-Level IPv4 Flood DHD DoS Protection

Configure object-level IPv4 ICMP flood protection, and then issue an ICMP DoS flood and review the results.

1. On the **Protect Objects** page, in the Protected Objects section click **Create**.
2. Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Create**:

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Name:                    | ServerNet     |
| IP Address:              | 10.1.20.0/24  |
| Port:                    | any           |
| Protocol                 | All Protocols |
| Protec. Settings Action: | Advertise All |
| Protec. Settings DDoS:   | IPv4          |

3. In the IPv4 row click the **+** icon, and then click **ICMPv4 flood**
4. On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click Create.

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Detection Threshold PPS:     | Specify: 1000 |
| Detection Threshold Percent: | Infinite      |
| Rate/Leak Limit:             | Specify: 1000 |

---

**Important:** From now on, make sure you have an always-on terminal session with both the **attacker** and **LAMP** servers. Let them running the **bmon** utility, or a **tcpdump**. Those will provide instant and detailed visibility of the ammount of packets comming in/out of both virtual machines.

---

5. From the **attacker** terminal session launch an ICMPv4 DoS attack using the Pentmenu tool (Options 2, 1) as follows:

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| target IP/hostname: | server1   |
| source IP:          | r[random] |

6. Check out the **LAMP** terminal session and observe how many ICMP packets are hitting this server.
7. Before moving on, wait the attack to run for about 30 seconds or so
8. In the **Configuration Utility** go to Security-> DoS Protection-> DoS Overview. You should be able to see the DHD stopping the Attack.

Security » DoS Protection : DoS Overview

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DoS Overview

DoS Profiles

Device Configuration

Eviction Policy List

Behavioral Signatures

Context Filter

Filter Type

DoS Attack

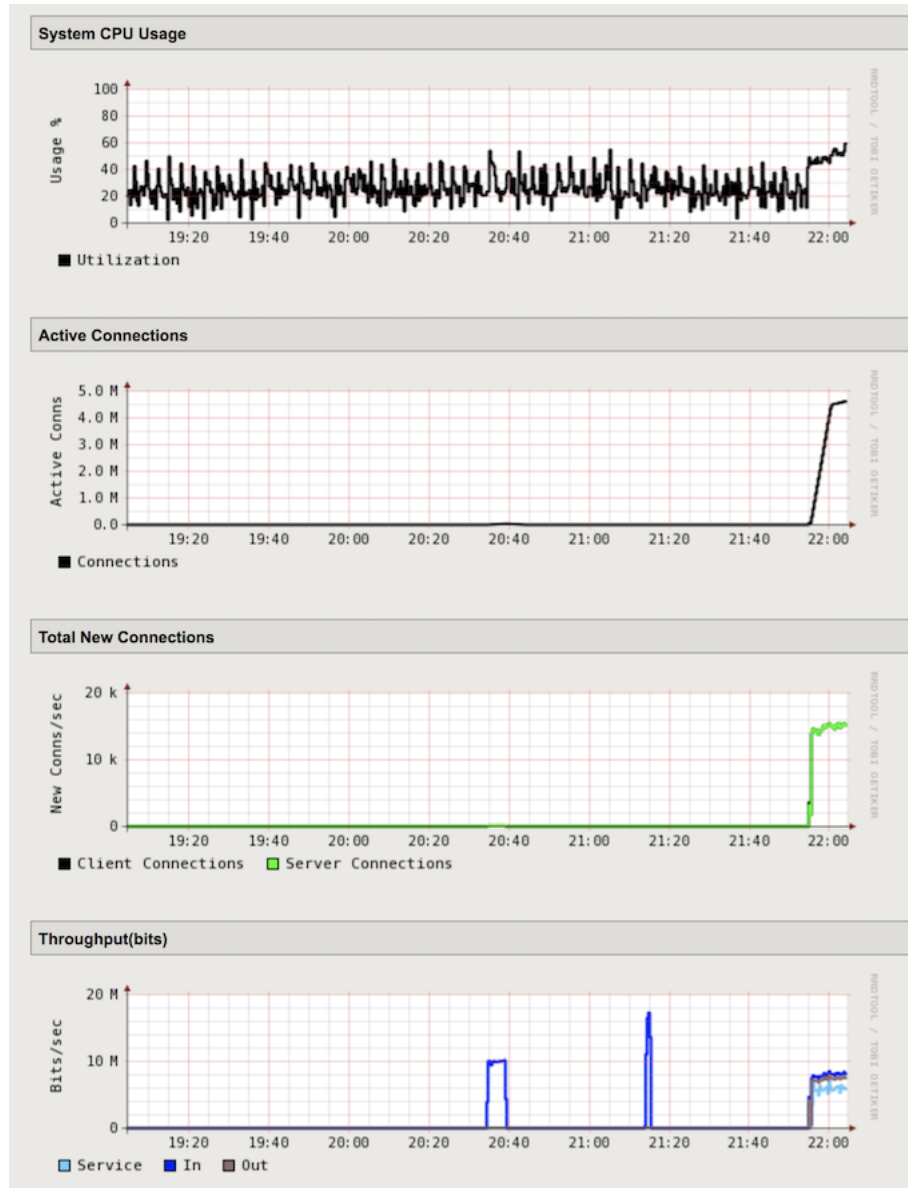
Auto Refresh

Disabled

Refresh

Enter Vector Name

</



4. Open the DoS Protection-> Quick Configuration page and in the **Protected Objects** section click **ServerNet**.
5. In the **DDoS Settings** row click the **UDP** checkbox. In the UDP row click the **+** icon, and then click **UDP Flood**.
6. On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click **Update**.

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Detection Threshold PPS:     | Specify: 1000 |
| Detection Threshold Percent: | Infinite      |
| Rate/Leak Limit:             | Specify: 3000 |

7. From the Attacker terminal session launch a new UDP flood attack using the same options and values as previously in this task.
8. Let the attack run for about 30 seconds before moving on.

- In the **Configuration Utility**, click Security-> DoS Protection-> DoS Overview. You should be able to see the DHD stopping the DNS Attack.


Security » DoS Protection : DoS Overview

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DoS Overview

DoS Profiles

Device Configuration ▾

Eviction Policy List 

Behavioral Signatures

Context Filter

Filter Type

DoS Attack ▾

Auto Refresh

Disabled ▾ 

Refresh



Enter Vector Name

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Attack Status

Average Aggregate PPS

Dropped PPS

| Profile   | Attack Vector ▾           | State ▾  | Layer ▾ | Virtual Server ▾ | Aggregate ▾                                                                               | Bad Actor ▾                                                                            | Current | 1 min | 1 hour | Aggregate | Bad Actor |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------|---------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| ServerNet | <a href="#">UDP flood</a> | Enforced | NETWORK | ServerNet        |  Dropped |  None | 18733   | 5176  | 0      | 15733     | 0         |

- Now stop the Attack with **Ctrl + C**.
- Open the Security-> Event Logs-> DoS-> Network-> Events page.
  - In one minute or so, the virtual server column displays **/Common/ServerNet**, identifying this is protected object.
  - The type is UDP flood.
  - The action is Drop.

| Security » Event Logs : DoS : Network : Events |          |                                                                          |                   |                  |           |        |           |                  |                 |  |  |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Network                                        |          | DoS                                                                      | Bot Defense       | Logging Profiles |           |        |           |                  |                 |  |  |
| Last Hour                                      |          | Search Custom Search...                                                  |                   |                  |           |        |           |                  |                 |  |  |
| Time                                           | DoS Mode | DoS Source                                                               | Context           | Event            | Type      | Action | Attack ID | Packets in / sec | Dropped Packets |  |  |
| 2018-08-12 22:30:33                            | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Stopped   | UDP flood | None   | 550594681 | 0                | 0               |  |  |
| 2018-08-12 22:27:22                            | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled   | UDP flood | Drop   | 550594681 | 2559             | 2184            |  |  |
| 2018-08-12 22:27:22                            | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled   | UDP flood | Drop   | 550594681 | 2549             | 2174            |  |  |
| 2018-08-12 22:27:22                            | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled   | UDP flood | Drop   | 550594681 | 2575             | 2200            |  |  |
| 2018-08-12 22:27:22                            | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled   | UDP flood | Drop   | 550594681 | 2556             | 2181            |  |  |
| 2018-08-12 22:27:22                            | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled   | UDP flood | Drop   | 550594681 | 2572             | 2197            |  |  |
| 2018-08-12 22:27:22                            | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled   | UDP flood | Drop   | 550594681 | 2549             | 2174            |  |  |
| 2018-08-12 22:27:22                            | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled   | UDP flood | Drop   | 550594681 | 2572             | 2197            |  |  |
| 2018-08-12 22:27:22                            | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled   | UDP flood | Drop   | 550594681 | 2545             | 2170            |  |  |
| 2018-08-12 22:27:21                            | Enforced | Volumetric, Aggregated across all SrcIPs, VS-Specific attack, metric PPS | /Common/ServerNet | Attack Sampled   | UDP flood | Drop   | 550594681 | 2521             | 2146            |  |  |

## Configure Bad Actor Detection

Add bad actor detection for the UDP flood protection

- In the **Configuration Utility**, open the DoS Protection-> Quick Configuration page and in the **Protected Objects** section click **ServerNet**.
- In the UDP row click the **+** icon, and then click **UDP Flood**.
- On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click **Update**.

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Bad Actor Detection:            | Yes (selected) |
| Per Source IP Detection (PPS):  | Specify: 100   |
| Per Source IP Rate Limit (PPS): | Specify: 30    |
| Blacklist Attacking Address:    | Yes (selected) |
| Detection Time:                 | 30             |
| Duration:                       | 60             |

- From the attacker virtual machine launch an UDP flood attack using a single IP address [Pentmenu tool - Options 2, 7]:

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| target IP/hostname:           | server4       |
| target port (defaults to 80): | 53            |
| random string (data to send): | F5Agility2018 |
| source IP:                    | i[interface]  |

5. Let the attack run for like 30s seconds before moving on.
6. Stop the attack with **Ctrl + C**.
7. Now try to ping the **server4**. Try to ping the same address from the **goodclient** virtual machine. Does it work ???
8. Stop the Attack with **Ctrl + C** and move to the next exercise.

### Configure Protected Object-Based Sweep Protection

1. In the **Configuration Utility**, open the DoS Protection-> Quick Configuration page and in the **Protected Objects** section click **ServerNet**.
2. In the **DDoS Settings** row click the **Sweep** checkbox.
3. In the **Sweep** row click the **+** icon, and then click **Sweep**.
4. On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click **Update**.

|                          |                                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Detection Threshold PPS: | Specify: 1000                       |
| Rate/Leak Limit:         | Specify: 3000                       |
| Packet Types:            | Move All IPv4 to the Selected field |

5. On the attacker machine type (or copy and paste) the following command:  

```
sudo ./sweep.sh
```
6. Let the attack run for like 30s seconds before moving on.
7. Stop the attack with **Ctrl + C**.
8. In the **Configuration Utility**, click Security-> DoS Protection-> DoS Overview. You should be able to see the DHD stopping the Sweep attack.

Security

DoS Protection : DoS Overview

DoS Overview

DoS Profiles

Device Configuration

Eviction Policy List

Behavioral Signatures

Context Filter

Filter Type

DoS Attack

Auto Refresh

Disabled

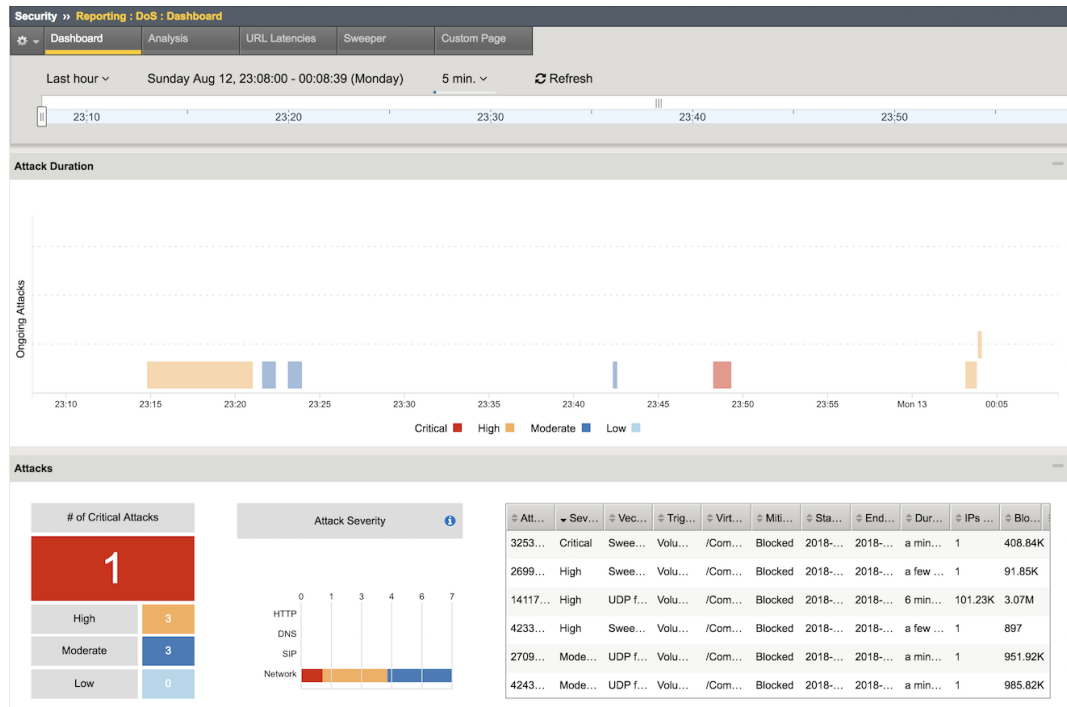
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Enter Vector Name

|           |                              |          |         |                | Attack Status |           | Average Aggregate PPS |       |        | Dropped PPS |           | Detection Threshold PPS |           |           | Rate Limit Threshold PPS |           |           |      |          |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------|---------|----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|----------|
| Profile   | Attack Vector                | State    | Layer   | Virtual Server | Aggregate     | Bad Actor | Current               | 1 min | 1 hour | Aggregate   | Bad Actor | Threshold Mode          | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Detect Threshold %       | Aggregate | Bad Actor |      |          |
| ServerNet | <a href="#">Sweep attack</a> | Enforced | NETWORK | ServerNet      |               | Dropped   |                       | None  | 5511   | 0           | 0         | 3511                    | 0         | Manual    | 1000                     | Infinite  | 500       | 3000 | Infinite |

### Check out the DoS Visibility Page

1. Use the **DoS Visibility** page to view statistics about the DoS attacks you submitted during this exercise.



2. Mouse over several of the attacks to get additional details of each attack.
3. Scroll down in the left-side of the page to view the **Attacks** section.
4. You can see the number of high, moderate, and low attacks in addition to the types of attacks (HTTP, ICMP, etc.) and the severity levels.

## Check out the Silverline Portal

Use the Silverline portal to view details about the attacks launched in this exercise.

1. Access the Silverline Portal <https://portal.f5silverline.com>
2. Open the Audit-> API Activity log page.
3. Enter the hostname of your DHD device in the **Search field** and then check out the activity your Hybrid Defender device has reported back to the Silverline Scrubbing Center.

API Activity Log

Search: Source equal dhd-ehc.local

Zoom: 1h 1d 1w 1m 3m 6m From: 2018-08-12 23:24 (UTC) To: 2018-08-13 23:24 (UTC) Refresh

Show: 25 entries

| Timestamp              | Type                 | Source        | Severity | Attack Event |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| 2018-08-13 14:01 (UTC) | Notifications        | dhd-ehc.local | 1        | STOP         |
| 2018-08-13 14:01 (UTC) | Device Registrations | dhd-ehc.local |          |              |
| 2018-08-13 13:48 (UTC) | Notifications        | dhd-ehc.local | 1        | STOP         |
| 2018-08-13 13:48 (UTC) | Device Registrations | dhd-ehc.local |          |              |
| 2018-08-13 13:28 (UTC) | Notifications        | dhd-ehc.local | 2        | Ongoing      |
| 2018-08-13 01:41 (UTC) | Notifications        | dhd-ehc.local | 1        | STOP         |
| 2018-08-13 01:40 (UTC) | Device Registrations | dhd-ehc.local |          |              |
| 2018-08-13 01:40 (UTC) | Device Registrations | dhd-ehc.local |          |              |

Showing 1 to 8 of 8 entries (filtered from 18 total entries)

### 6.3.3 Lab - Preventing DNS DoS Attacks

Use a protected object to mitigate DNS query floods.

#### Use a Protected Object to Mitigate a DNS Query Flood

1. In the **Protected Objects** section click Create.
2. Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click Create.

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Name:                    | DNS_Server       |
| IP Address:              | 10.1.20.14/32    |
| Port:                    | 53               |
| Protocol                 | UDP              |
| Protoc. Settings Action: | Log and Mitigate |
| Protoc. Settings DDoS:   | DNS              |

3. In the DNS row click the + icon, and then click **DNS A Query**.
4. On the right-side of the page configure using the following information, and then click **Create**.

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Detection Threshold PPS: | Specify: 75  |
| Rate Limit               | Specify: 100 |

#### Establish a DNS Baseline

Use a script to establish a DNS baseline on the BIG-IP DHD.

1. From the **goodclient** terminal session run the following commands:

```
sudo ~/tools_agility_183/dnsbaseline.sh
```

2. Let the baseline run until you get the following results:

```
[Status] Testing complete (time limit)

Statistics:

Queries sent:           6000
Queries completed:      6000 (100.00%)
Queries lost:           0 (0.00%)

Response codes:         NXDOMAIN 6000 (100.00%)
Average packet size:    request 41, response 116
Run time (s):           120.000552
Queries per second:     49.999770

Average Latency (s):    0.005793 (min 0.003970, max 0.020681)
Latency StdDev (s):    0.001383
```

3. In the **Configuration Utility**, go to Security-> DoS Protection-> DoS Overview.
4. In the Filter Type select **Virtual Server** with **DNS\_Server** protected object, then examine the a statistics for **DNS A Query**.

Security » DoS Protection » DoS Overview

DoS OverviewDoS ProfilesDevice ConfigurationEvidon Policy ListBehavioral Signatures

Context Filter

Filter TypeVirtual Server (DoS protected)DNS\_Server

Auto RefreshDisabledRefresh

Enter Vector Name

| Profile    | Attack Vector   | State    | Layer | Attack Status |           | Average Aggregate PPS |       |        | Dropped PPS |           | Threshold Mode | Detection Threshold PPS |           |                    | Rate Limit Threshold PPS |           |
|------------|-----------------|----------|-------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|            |                 |          |       | Aggregate     | Bad Actor | Current               | 1 min | 1 hour | Aggregate   | Bad Actor |                | Aggregate               | Bad Actor | Detect Threshold % | Aggregate                | Bad Actor |
| DNS_Server | A query DOS     | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 31    | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 75                      | Infinite  | 100                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | AAAA query DOS  | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | ANY query DOS   | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | AXFR query DOS  | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | CNAME query DOS | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | IXFR query DOS  | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | MX query DOS    | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | NS query DOS    | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | OTHER DOS       | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | Proto Err DOS   | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | PTR query DOS   | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | QD Count > 1    | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | SOA query DOS   | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | SRV query DOS   | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |
| DNS_Server | TXT query DOS   | Enforced | DNS   | None          | None      | 0                     | 0     | 0      | 0           | 0         | Manual         | 30000                   | Infinite  | 500                | Infinite                 | Infinite  |

## Initiate a DNS Attack

Run a script to generate a DNS DoS alert. This script will send 80 pps of "A" queries just above our detection threshold PPS setting of 75. This is just the threshold that we are alerting at. It has not reached a high enough threshold to determine that we should do something about it.

1. From the attacker terminal session run the following commands:

```
sudo ~/tools_agility_183/dnsdosattack.sh
```

2. Wait for the attack to run for about 30 seconds before moving on.
3. In the **Configuration Utility**, open the Security-> DoS Protection-> DoS Overview page.
4. In the Filter Type select **DoS Attack**.

Security >> DoS Protection > DoS Overview

DoS Overview

DoS Profiles

Device Configuration

Evidon Policy List

Behavioral Signatures

Context Filter

Filter Type

DoS Attack

Auto Refresh

Disabled

Refresh

Enter Vector Name

Y

|            |               | Attack Status |       | Average Aggregate PPS |           |           | Dropped PPS |       | Detection Threshold PPS |           |           | Rate Limit Threshold PPS |           |           |                    |
|------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Profile    | Attack Vector | State         | Layer | Virtual Server        | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Current     | 1 min | 1 hour                  | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Threshold Mode           | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Detect Threshold % |
| DNS_Server | A query DOS   | Enforced      | DNS   | DNS_Server            | Detected  | None      | 82          | 70    | 0                       | 0         | 0         | Manual                   | 75        | Infinite  | 100                |

**Note:** The A query DOS attack vector will be detected, but not yet blocked. It will take up to a couple minutes to display as Detected.

5. Wait for the attack to complete (if not done yet). Verify the results of the DNS attack from the **attacker** terminal session:

```
[Status] Testing complete (time limit)

Statistics:

Queries sent:           28800
Queries completed:      27217 (94.50%)
Queries lost:           1583 (5.50%)

Response codes:         NXDOMAIN 27217 (100.00%)
Average packet size:    request 41, response 116
```



```

Run time (s):          360.000538
Queries per second:    75.602665

Average Latency (s):   0.004487 (min 0.002909, max 0.036921)
Latency StdDev (s):   0.001372

```

## Initiate a DNS Attack that Exceeds the Rate Limit

Run another script that initiates a DNS DoS attack that exceeds the rate limit we set earlier.

1. From the attacker terminal session run the following commands:

```
sudo ~/tools_agility_183/dnsdosrate.sh
```

2. Wait for the attack to run for about 30 seconds before moving on.
3. In the **Configuration Utility** Review the DoS Overview page -> Security-> DoS Protection-> DoS Overview.

| Enter Vector Name |          |       |                | Attack Status |           | Average Aggregate PPS |       |        | Dropped PPS |           |
|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| Attack Vector     | State    | Layer | Virtual Server | Aggregate     | Bad Actor | Current               | 1 min | 1 hour | Aggregate   | Bad Actor |
| A query DOS       | Enforced | DNS   | DNS_Server     | Dropped       | None      | 200                   | 237   | 0      | 100         | 0         |

**Note:** The A query DOS attack vector is now dropping attack traffic.

Also take a look at the script which will record the number of drops if any as a result of the attack rate limit being hit. You should be able to correlate the drops registered with the script with the drops recorded by the Hybrid Defender.

```

Statistics:

Queries sent:          5899
Queries completed:     3504 (59.40%)
Queries lost:          2395 (40.60%)

Response codes:        NXDOMAIN 3504 (100.00%)
Average packet size:   request 41, response 116
Run time (s):          120.000642
Queries per second:    29.199844

Average Latency (s):   0.006696 (min 0.002080, max 0.087619)
Latency StdDev (s):   0.003606

```

4. In the **Configuration Utility** open the Statistics-> DoS Visibility page.
5. View the attack details in the **Attacks** section.

## 6.4 Module - Application Layer DoS Protection

In this module you will learn how the F5 Hybrid Defender can effectively protect from DoS Attacks at the Application Level.

## 6.4.1 Lab – Configure Application Layer DoS Defenses

Check out how to detect and mitigate application layer attacks, not matter if it's encrypted or behavioral based.

### Create Protected Object for Behavioral DoS Protection

1. In the **BIG-IP Configuration Utility**, open the DoS Protection-> Quick Configuration page and in the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
2. Configure the protected object **Server1-http** using the following information:

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Name:                        | Server1-http     |
| IP Address:                  | 10.1.20.11/32    |
| Port:                        | 80               |
| VLAN:                        | defaultVLAN      |
| Protec. Settings Action:     | Log and Mitigate |
| Protec. Settings Silverline: | Yes (selected)   |
| Protec. Settings DDoS:       | IPv4, TCP, HTTP  |

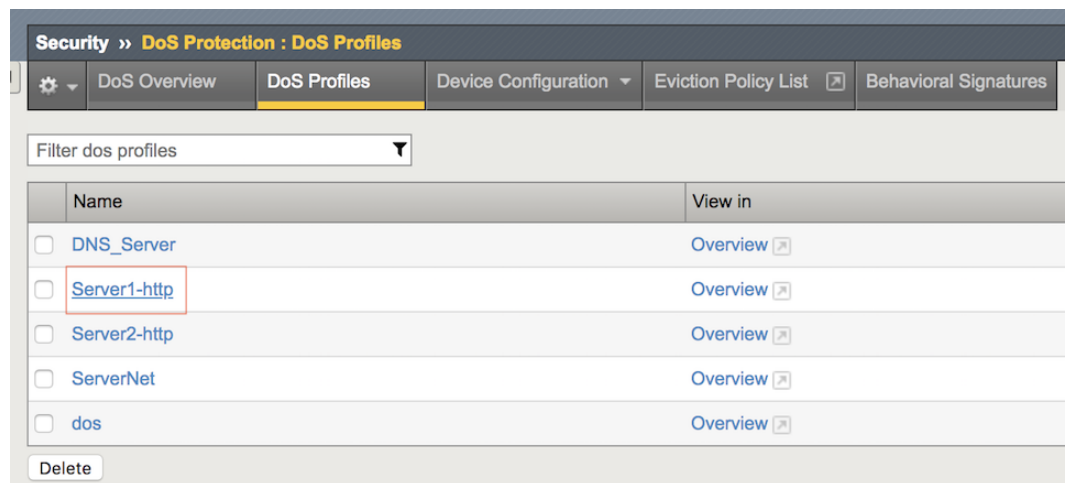
3. In the HTTP row click the **+** icon, and then click **Behavioral**, then from the **Mitigation** list select **Standard Protection**.
4. In the HTTP section click **Proactive Bot Defense**, then from the **Mitigate Action** list select **Disabled**, finally click **Create**

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**Note:** Both the good and bad (attack) traffic are generated with tools that would be blocked by **Proactive Bot Defense**. Please note that by default, the Hybrid Defender will set Proactive Bot Defense to **always**. That's the reason why we're disabling it, only to allow the scripts to work and generate sample traffic.

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5. In the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
6. Open the Security-> DoS Protection-> DoS Profiles page and click **Server1-http**.




7. Open the **Application Security** page.

**Security » DoS Protection : DoS Profiles » Server1-http**

[Properties](#)
[Network Security](#)
[Protocol Security](#)
[Application Security](#)

### Properties

|                       |                                                                                          |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name                  | Server1-http                                                                             |
| Partition             | Common                                                                                   |
| Description           |                                                                                          |
| Threshold Sensitivity | Medium  |




### Whitelists

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Default Whitelist | Address List |
| HTTP Whitelist    | Use Default  |

[Update](#)
[Delete](#)

- Click **Behavioral & Stress-based Detection**, and then for **Behavioral Detection and Mitigation** click **Edit**.
- Select the **Request signatures detection** checkbox, and then click **Update**.

**Application Security**

- General Settings 
- Proactive Bot Defense Off
- Bot Signatures 
- TPS-based Detection Off
- Behavioral & Stress-based Detection **
- Record Traffic Off

### Application Security » Behavioral & Stress-based (D)DoS Detection

This section configures the detection of DoS attacks based on server stress. The system automatically detects an increase in server stress and mitigates DoS attacks causing it.

|                                              |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Operation Mode</b>                        | Specifies how the system reacts when it detects an attack.                                         | Blocking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |
| <b>Thresholds Mode</b>                       | Specifies what type of thresholds to use.                                                          | Manual                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |
| <b>Stress-based Detection and Mitigation</b> | By Source IP                                                                                       | No mitigation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |
|                                              | By Device ID                                                                                       | No mitigation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |
|                                              | By Geolocation                                                                                     | No mitigation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |
|                                              | By URL                                                                                             | No mitigation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |
|                                              | Site Wide                                                                                          | No mitigation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |
| <b>Behavioral Detection and Mitigation</b>   | By Bad Actors Behavior / Signatures                                                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Bad actors behavior detection</b><br><small>Enables traffic behavior, server's capacity learning, and anomaly detection.</small><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Request signatures detection</b><br><small>Enables signatures detection</small><br><input type="checkbox"/> Use approved signatures only | <a href="#">Close</a> |
| <b>Prevention Duration</b>                   | Specifies the time spent in each mitigation step until it is stopped, and the next one is started. | Escalation Period: 120 seconds<br>De-escalation Period: 0 seconds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |

## Generate L7 Behavioral baseline for Server1-http

Use a script to generate an L7 behavioral DoS baseline for the Hybrid Defender.

- In the **goodclient** terminal session, type (or copy and paste) the following command:

```
sudo ~/tools_agility_183/generate_clean_traffic.sh
```

---

**Note:** This will generate traffic. Please note that it will take at least 15 minutes.

---

```
f5student@goodclient:~/tools_agility_183$ ./generate_clean_traffic.sh
welcome.php      status: 200      bytes: 1045      time: 0.017
welcome.php      status: 200      bytes: 1045      time: 0.014
welcome.php      status: 200      bytes: 1045      time: 0.014
welcome.php      status: 200      bytes: 1045      time: 0.015
headers.php      status: 200      bytes: 1847      time: 0.014
headers.php      status: 200      bytes: 1847      time: 0.014
httprequest.php  status: 200      bytes: 710       time: 0.013
httprequest.php  status: 200      bytes: 710       time: 0.014
httprequest.php  status: 200      bytes: 710       time: 0.014
httprequest.php  status: 200      bytes: 710       time: 0.013
badlinks.html    status: 200      bytes: 1270      time: 0.014
badlinks.html    status: 200      bytes: 1270      time: 0.014
F5_building.jpg  status: 200      bytes: 33447     time: 0.019
F5_building.jpg  status: 200      bytes: 33447     time: 0.021
bigip4200.jpg    status: 200      bytes: 9753      time: 0.016
bigip4200.jpg    status: 200      bytes: 9753      time: 0.017
viprion2400.jpg  status: 200      bytes: 13009     time: 0.016
viprion4800.jpg  status: 200      bytes: 10078     time: 0.018
viprion4800.jpg  status: 200      bytes: 10078     time: 0.017
```

1. Move on in the exercises while the baseline is being generated.
2. Open a terminal session with the DHD and run the following command:

```
admd -s vs./Common/Server1-http.info -s vs./Common/
Server1-http.sig.health
```

```
[root@dhd-01:Active:Standalone]# admd -s vs./Common/Server1-http.info -s vs./
↪Common/Server1-http.sig.health
vs./Common/Server2-http.sig.health:[0.452373]
vs./Common/Server2-http.sig.health:[0.453407]
vs./Common/Server2-http.sig.health:[0.451726]
vs./Common/Server2-http.sig.health:[0.45372]
vs./Common/Server2-http.sig.health:[0.452021]
vs./Common/Server2-http.sig.health:[0.45349]
```

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**Important:** The results for each health check should **not** be 0.5, otherwise the system isn't learning. Let both terminal sessions opened for the rest of this lab.

---

## Configure DoS Protection for L7 Encrypted Traffic

Launch an encrypted Slowloris attack to the web server and view the results, then configure proper mitigation on the Hybrid Defender.

1. Go to DoS Protection-> Quick Configuration page and in the **Protected Objects** section click **Create**.
2. Configure another **Protected Object** using the following information, and then click **Create**.

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Name:                        | Server2-http     |
| IP Address:                  | 10.1.20.12/32    |
| Port:                        | 80               |
| VLAN:                        | defaultVLAN      |
| Protec. Settings Action:     | Log and Mitigate |
| Protec. Settings Silverline: | Yes (selected)   |
| Protec. Settings DDoS:       | IPv4, TCP, HTTP  |

- Now repeat the steps for disabling the Proactive Bot Defense which allows the HTTP request scripts to work.
- Go to the **HTTP** section and click **Proactive Bot Defense**, then from the **Mitigate Action** list select **Disabled**.
- In the HTTP section click **DoS Tool**, then from the **Mitigate Action** list select **Report**, and then click **Create**.
- Now run the monitor script on **server2** as follows. It will be useful for server health monitoring.

```
~/tools_agility_183/server2_monitor.sh
```

- Before launching the application layer attack, observe **server2** is currently healthy.

```
welcome.php      status: 200 bytes: 1045    time: 0.018
bigtext.html     status: 200 bytes: 634965  time: 0.136
httprequest.php  status: 200 bytes: 710     time: 0.017
```

---

**Note:** The system is healthy since the web server returns **HTTP Status Code 200** for every request.

---

- Now from the **attacker** terminal session run the following command:

```
~/tools_agility_183/slowloris.sh
```

```
Mon Aug 13 11:26:54 2018:
slowhttpptest version 1.6
- https://code.google.com/p/slowhttpptest/ -
test type: SLOW HEADERS
number of connections: 4090
URL: https://server2.f5demo.com/
verb: GET
Content-Length header value: 4096
follow up data max size: 68
interval between follow up data: 10 seconds
connections per seconds: 200
probe connection timeout: 5 seconds
test duration: 240 seconds
using proxy: no proxy

Mon Aug 13 11:26:54 2018:
slow HTTP test status on 30th second:
initializing: 0
pending: 1790
connected: 150
error: 0
```

```
closed: 2092
service available: **NO**
```

9. Observe how the service is impacted as the slowloris attack hits the **server2.f5demo.com**.

```
welcome.php      status: 000 bytes: 0    time: 1.002
bigtext.html     status: 000 bytes: 0    time: 1.002
httprequest.php  status: 000 bytes: 0    time: 1.002
```

**Note:** Since the slowloris attack is being encrypted (<https://server2.f5demo.com>) we need to setup the certificate and private keys so the traffic can be inspected by the Hybrid Defender..

10. Configure SSL on the protected object to in order to inspect HTTPS traffic.
11. Go to DDoS Protection-> Quick Configuration-> Protected Objects, then click **Server2-http**. Configure the SSL as follows:

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Port:                         | 443            |
| SSL:                          | Enabled        |
| SSL Certificate:              | default        |
| Key:                          | default        |
| Encrypt Connection to Server: | Yes (selected) |

12. Disable bot protections so the scripts can be used for testing the server health.
13. On the **Server2-http** Protected Object section go to the **HTTP** row, click the **+** icon, click **Behavioral**
14. Now from the **Mitigation** list select **Standard Protection**.
15. In the HTTPS section click **Proactive Bot Defense**, then from the **Mitigate Action** list select **Disabled**.
16. Now that SSL is also being inspected for this Protected Object, let's run the slowloris script once again and verify if the attack still works.

## – Behavioral L7 DoS Mitigation

Once the L7 behavioral baseline has been established, launch an L7 DoS attack and view the results.

1. Now get back to the DHD terminal session.
2. You will need to observe the info.learning signature to ensure that the system has accumulated enough learning details.
3. This signature has 4 comma-separated values for monitoring the learning progress:
  - **Value #1: baseline-learning\_confidence** This should be between 80 - 90%
  - **Value #2: learned\_bins\_count (the number of learned bins)** This should be > 0
  - **Value #3: good\_table\_size (the number of learned requests)** This should be > 4000

- **Value #4: good\_table\_confidence (how confident, as a percentage, the system is)**  
It must be 100% for behavioral signatures

```
vs./Common/Server1-http.info.learning:[96.3163, 78, 5355, 100]
```

4. If you see the pattern such as that described, it indicates the traffic baseline was already established, then you can move forward with the lab.
5. Once the info.learning values are acceptable based on the details above, from the **attacker** terminal session run the following command:

```
~/tools_agility_183/http_flood.sh
```

6. Select option "1"
7. Now take a look at the **goodclient** terminal session, you should start seeing the effects of the HTTP DoS attack, as requests are starting to fail (**HTTP Status Code 000**). If you were to examine the **Lamp** server at this time, you would see that it is under severe stress.

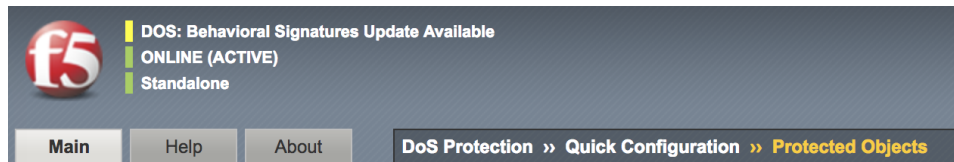
```
welcome.php status: 200      bytes: 1045      time: 0.017
welcome.php status: 200      bytes: 1045      time: 0.029
welcome.php status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.000
headers.php status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.001
headers.php status: 200      bytes: 1847      time: 0.204
headers.php status: 200      bytes: 1847      time: 0.258
headers.php status: 200      bytes: 1847      time: 0.218
badlinks.html status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.001
badlinks.html status: 200      bytes: 1270      time: 0.242
badlinks.html status: 200      bytes: 1270      time: 0.272
badlinks.html status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.002
bigip4200.jpg status: 200      bytes: 9318      time: 0.247
```

8. Also from the DHD terminal session watch the health signal feed. You should see it climb from ~.5, which is optimal health, to values over 1, indicating an increase in server stress. You will also be able to watch as the system responds and mitigations are engaged.
9. When the system has analyzed the attack traffic, dynamic signatures are created and engaged:

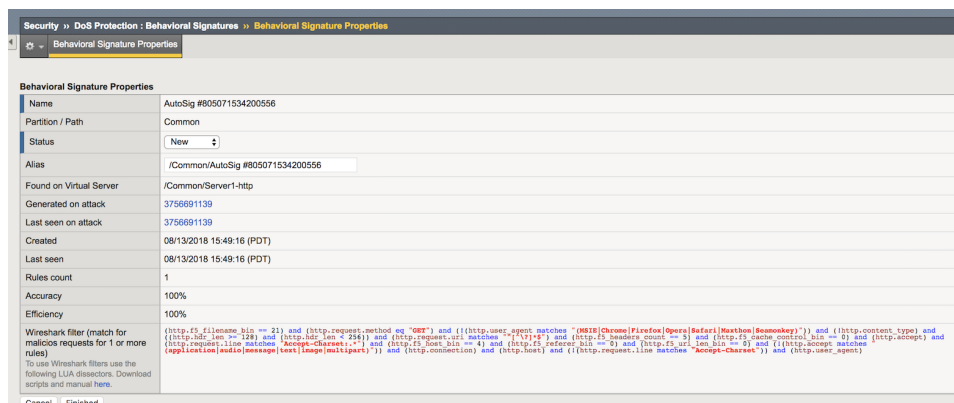
```
vs./Common/Server1-http.sig.health:[0.768427]
vs./Common/Server1-http.info.attack:[1, 1]
vs./Common/Server1-http.sig.health:[0.746648]
vs./Common/Server1-http.info.signature:["Stable signature_
↳detected: (http.f5_filename_bin == 21) and (http.request.method_
↳eq \"GET\") and (!(http.user_agent matches \
↳\"(MSIE|Chrome|Firefox|Opera|Safari|Maxthon|Seamonkey)\") and (!
↳http.content_type) and ((http.hdr_len->= 128) and (http.hdr_len
↳< 256)) and (http.request.uri matches \"^[^\\\\\\\\?]*$\") and_
↳(http.f5_headers_count == 5) and (http.f5_cache_control_bin ==_
↳0) and (http.accept) and (http.request.line matches \"Accept-
↳Charset:.*\") and (http.f5_host_bin == 4) and (http.f5_referer_
↳bin == 0) and (http.f5_uri_len_bin == 0) and (!(http.accept_
↳matches \"(application|audio|message|text|image|multipart)\")_
↳and (http.connection) and (http.host) and (!(http.request.line_
↳matches \"Accept-Charset\")) and (http.user_agent)"]
vs./Common/Server1-http.info.attack:[1, 1]
vs./Common/Server1-http.sig.health:[0.726608]
vs./Common/Server1-http.info.attack:[1, 1]
vs./Common/Server1-http.sig.health:[0.709827]
```

```
vs./Common/Server1-http.info.attack:[1, 1]
vs./Common/Server1-http.sig.health:[0.691779]
```

10. In the **Configuration Utility**, notice the indicator at the top-left side of the page.



11. As you watch the feed, you should see HTTP requests being served again after the dynamic signature kicks in.
12. In the **Configuration Utility** open the Security-> DoS Protection-> Behavioral Signatures page.



You will see a signature that was created (as seen in the output of the `admd` command earlier). Note the system reports metrics such as Accuracy (an estimate of the percentage of traffic that will be blocked that is definitely hostile) and Efficiency (a measure of how much of the observed DoS traffic is mitigated by that signature). In our lab these values are both at or near 100%. In a real environment the Accuracy should be very high, but sometimes Efficiency will be lower (in a mutating attack) and the system may have to create additional signatures or refine the current one based on effectiveness.

13. Click the new signature.

Note the Wireshark filter at the bottom which can be used in conjunction with the Record Traffic feature of F5's L7 DoS to identify exactly which requests the signature matches/will match. This can be helpful if using the "Approved Only" in the DoS profile setting to allow a risk-averse administrator to approve signatures before they begin to filter traffic.

14. Change the Alias value to **Agility2018**, and then click Finished.

– View Silverline Signals

Use the Silverline portal to view details about the L7 DoS attacks that were launched in this exercise.

1. Click **Alerts for Hybrid Defender**.
2. Open the Audit-> API Activity Log page.



API Activity Log

AND

+ Add rule

+ Add group

Source

equal

dhd-ehc.local

X Delete

Zoom

1h

1d

1w

1m

3m

6m

From

2018-08-12 23:24 (UTC)

To

2018-08-13 23:24 (UTC)

Refresh

Show 25 entries

|   | Timestamp              | Type                 | Source        | Severity | Attack Event |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| + | 2018-08-13 14:01 (UTC) | Notifications        | dhd-ehc.local | 1        | STOP         |
| + | 2018-08-13 14:01 (UTC) | Device Registrations | dhd-ehc.local |          |              |
| + | 2018-08-13 13:48 (UTC) | Notifications        | dhd-ehc.local | 1        | STOP         |
| + | 2018-08-13 13:48 (UTC) | Device Registrations | dhd-ehc.local |          |              |
| + | 2018-08-13 13:28 (UTC) | Notifications        | dhd-ehc.local | 2        | Ongoing      |
| + | 2018-08-13 01:41 (UTC) | Notifications        | dhd-ehc.local | 1        | STOP         |
| + | 2018-08-13 01:40 (UTC) | Device Registrations | dhd-ehc.local |          |              |
| + | 2018-08-13 01:40 (UTC) | Device Registrations | dhd-ehc.local |          |              |

Showing 1 to 8 of 8 entries (filtered from 18 total entries)

3. Click the + icon to expand one of the entries to view additional attack details.
- That completes the hands-on exercise for BIG-IP DDoS Hybrid Defender.



## F5 Agility 2018: DDoS Attack Protection

F5® DDoS Hybrid Defender™, a hybrid DDoS solution that offers comprehensive protection, high availability, and is easy to deploy and manage. It guards against aggressive volumetric and targeted DDoS attacks, includes hardware-assisted DDoS mitigation, and optionally, connects with Silverline, a cloud-based scrubbing service.

This class covers the following topics:

- Initial Set-up, Device Configuration and working with basic device-level DDoS vectors to mitigate the most commonly encountered attacks. Then we will cover Auto-thresholding, and Mitigation of L7 Behavioral Attacks time permitting.

### 7.1 Getting Started

Please follow the instructions provided by the instructor to start your lab and access your jump host.

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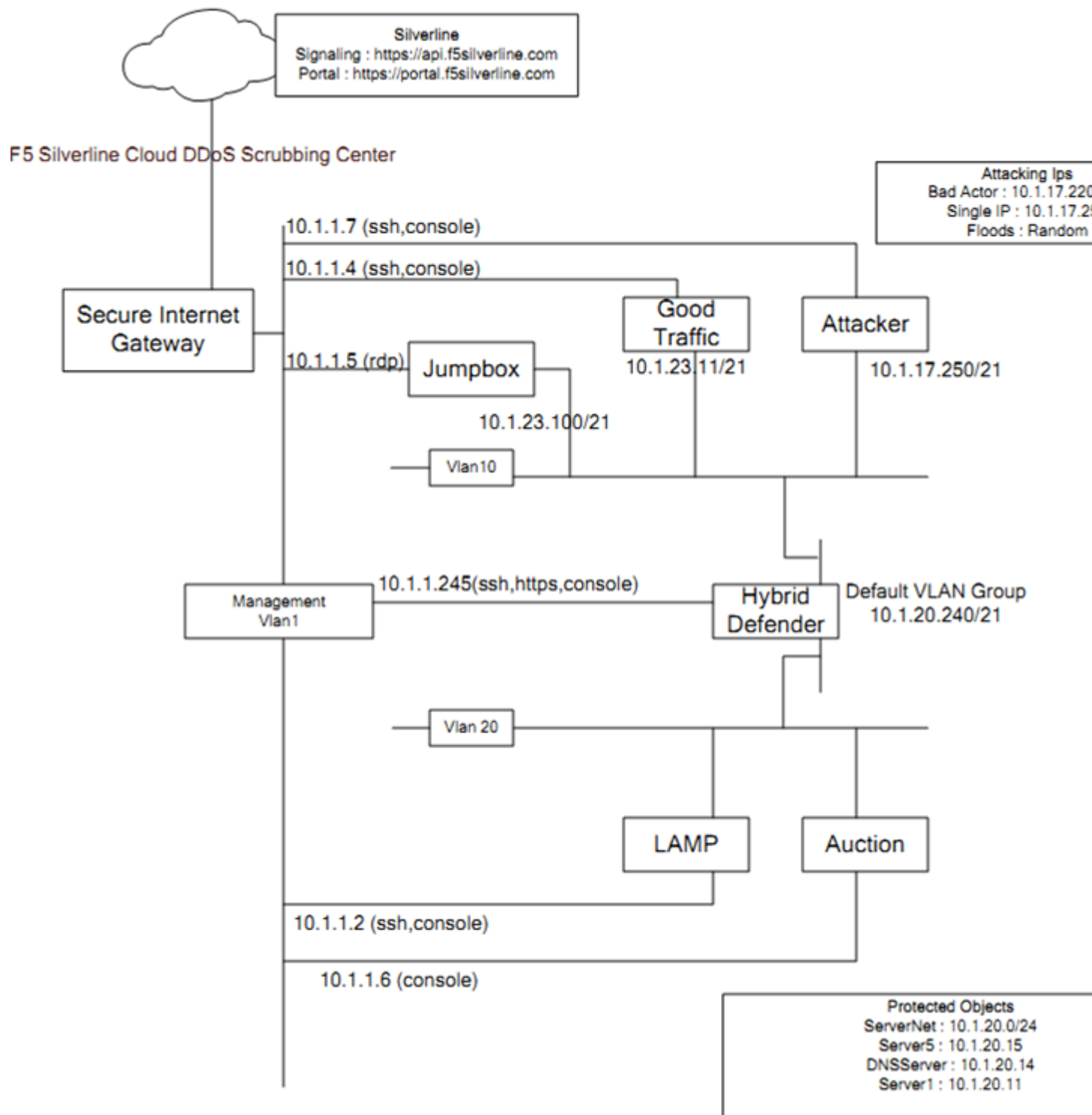
**Note:** All work for this lab will be performed exclusively from the Windows jump host. No installation or interaction with your local system is required. You will use **Putty** that has been preconfigured with appropriate keys in order to access the **DHD CLI**, **Good Client**, and the **Attacker** systems. The shortcuts are on the desktop. You will log in as “root” or “ubuntu”.

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#### 7.1.1 Lab Topology

The following components have been included in your lab environment:

- 1 x F5 BIG-IP VE (v14.0) Provisioned as DHD
- 1 x Linux Attacker (Ubuntu 14.04)
- 1 x Linux Good Client (Ubuntu 14.04)
- 1 x Linux LAMP Webserver (xubuntu 14.04)
- 1 x Windows Jump host



## Lab Components

| System                  | Username      | Password      |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Ravello                 | Given at site | Given at site |
| Win7 Jumpbox            | external_user | f5DEMOs4u     |
| Hybrid Defender - WebUI | admin         | f5DEMOs4u     |
| Hybrid Defender - CLI   | root          | f5DEMOs4u     |
| Good Client             | ubuntu        | Use key       |
| Attacker                | ubuntu        | Use key       |
| Lamp CLI                | root          | default       |
| Lamp X-Server Shell     | xubuntu       | <no password> |

### 7.1.2 Accessing the Lab Environment

#### Task 1 – Open your RDP client and connect to your Windows Jumpbox

- A URL will be provided by your Instructor at the training site that will access the training portal.
- In the training portal you will enter the given class number and student number.

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- Click the Jumpbox RDP link.

Stopping in: 03:53 (hr:min)

Help

Started

Jumpbox

SERVICES

rdp

CONSOLE

INFO

username: external\_user  
password: password

Started

Attacker

SERVICES

RDP

SSH: 52.41.33.162  
Port: 22

CONSOLE

INFO

Console/RDP Logins:  
U: f5student P: f5DEMOs4u  
U: instructor P: f5DEMOs4u

MORE

Started

PHPauction

SERVICES

No services

CONSOLE

INFO

root/default

Started

F5 DDOS Hybrid Defender

SERVICES

GUI

SSH: 52.88.157.61  
Port: 22

CONSOLE

INFO

TMOS version 13.0.0.0.1645  
GUI: admin/f5DEMOs4u  
SSH: root/f5DEMOs4u

MORE

Started

vLab-LAMP

Started

Good Traffic

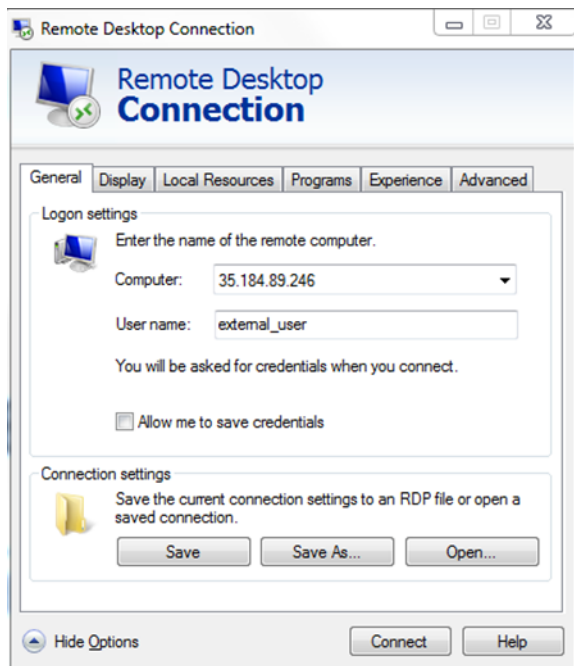
This will RDP to the Jumpbox where you will work all the labs from.

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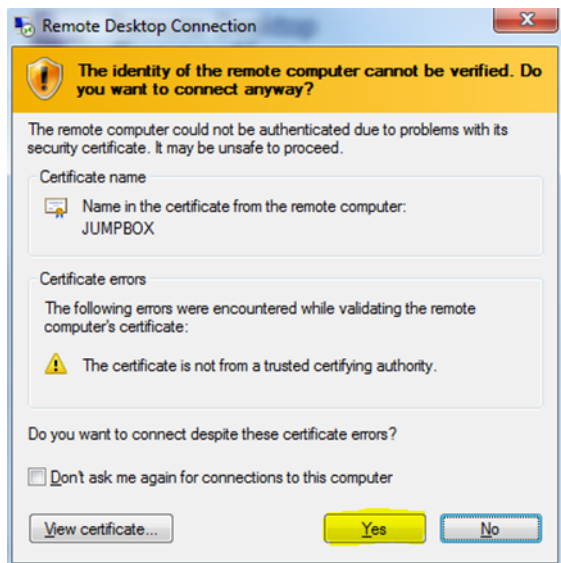
**Note:** Use the show options to provide details.

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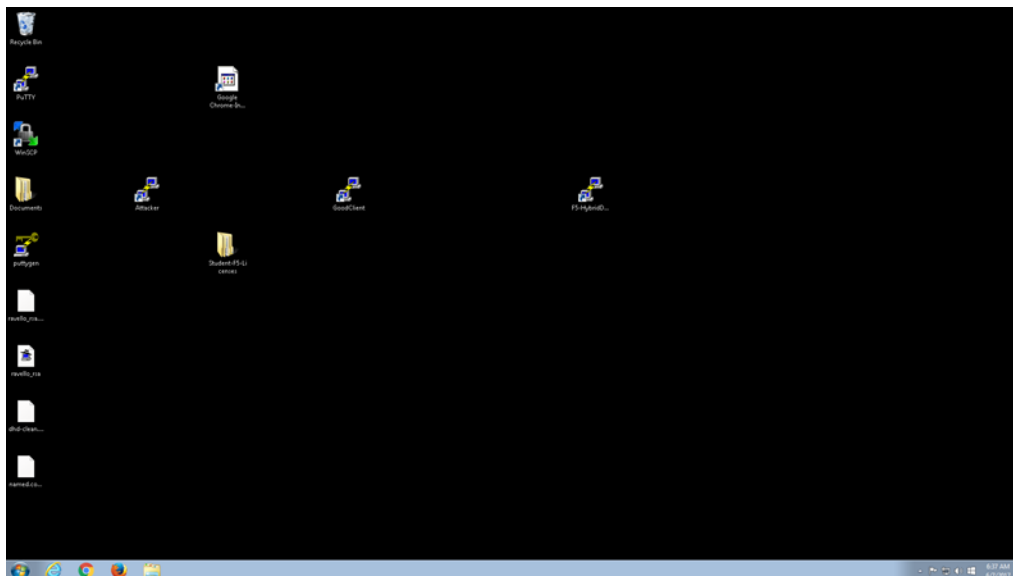
- Login to the Jumpbox
- User name: Jumpbox external\_user. Password: f5DEMOs4u



- Click YES at the warning







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**Note:** We need to ensure the Jumpbox and the DDoS Hybrid Defender are in time sync. Please run the following commands from an Elevated Command Prompt. (Administrator)

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- net start w32time
- w32tm /config /update /manualpeerlist:10.1.1.245
- net stop w32time && net start w32time

## 7.2 DDoS Hybrid Defender Setup

In this module you will learn how to complete the setup of F5 Networks DDoS Hybrid Defender and the initial configuration related to Device Protection.

### 7.2.1 Lab 1 – DDoS Hybrid Defender Setup

Estimated completion time: 20 minutes

#### Task 1 – Initial Set-up

- Open the Chrome web browser and access the DHD from the toolbar shortcut.
- Login to the BIG-IP Configuration Utility using the "admin" account.

**f5** BIG-IP Configuration Utility  
F5 Networks, Inc.

**Hostname**  
dhd.f5trn.com

**IP Address**  
10.1.1.245

**Username**  
admin

**Password**

Log in

Welcome to the BIG-IP Configuration Utility.  
Log in with your username and password using the fields on the left.

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**Note:** When you first power up a F5 DHD device you would normally go through the steps of licensing, provisioning and basic set-up. We have licensed, assigned the management IP, hostname, NTP and DNS servers for you. Verify DHD and Jumpbox are showing same time.

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**Note:** If you are familiar with the BIG-IP UI, You will notice the menus on the left are consolidated. This is an indication you are working with a DDoS Hybrid defender device.

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Expand each panel section to see the components available in each section.






- Dos Configuration: Where most day-to-day configuration takes place.
- Dos Setup: Where one-time or infrequent system Dos configuration is performed.
- Network: The new simplified Security Network Configuration utility to add new network topologies to the system.
- Visibility: Where the Analyst will spend a majority of the time looking at the GUI and logs.
- System: Shows a subset of the system utilities found in the traditional TMUI System menu. (Available in Advanced View on the DHD)




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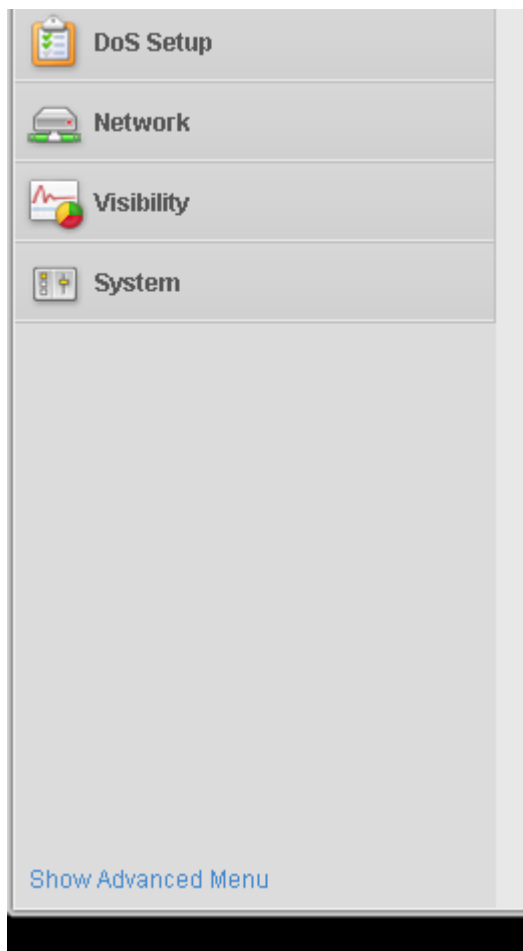

Module Allocation
License

### Current Resource Allocation

|                |      |         |
|----------------|------|---------|
| CPU            | MGMT | TMM(89) |
| Disk (24GB)    | MGMT |         |
| Memory (3.8GB) | MGMT |         |

| Module                                                                                                         | F                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  Management (MGMT)          |   |
|  Carrier Grade NAT (CGNAT)  |  |
|  Local Traffic (LTM)        |  |
|  Application Security (ASM) |  |

- If you need to access more options, there is a shortcut at the bottom of the Menu page. **Show Advanced Menu**



- Explore the **Resource Provisioning** page

## System » Resource Provisioning



Module Allocation

License



## Modified Resource Allocation (prior to redistribution)

|                |      |          |
|----------------|------|----------|
| CPU            | MGMT | TMM(89%) |
| Disk (24GB)    | DOS  |          |
| Memory (3.8GB) | MGMT | TMM      |

| Module                                     | Provisioning                                  | License Status |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Management (MGMT)                          | Small ▼                                       | N/A            |
| Carrier Grade NAT (CGNAT)                  | Disabled ▼                                    | Unlicense      |
| Local Traffic (LTM)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> None                 | Unlicense      |
| Application Security (ASM)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> None                 | Unlicense      |
| Fraud Protection Service (FPS)             | <input type="checkbox"/> None                 | N/A            |
| Global Traffic (DNS)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> None                 | Unlicense      |
| Link Controller (LC)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> None                 | Unlicense      |
| Access Policy (APM)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> None                 | Limited mode   |
| Application Visibility and Reporting (AVR) | <input type="checkbox"/> None                 | Licensed       |
| Policy Enforcement (PEM)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> None                 | Unlicense      |
| Advanced Firewall (AFM)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> None                 | Unlicense      |
| Application Acceleration Manager (AAM)     | <input type="checkbox"/> None                 | Unlicense      |
| Secure Web Gateway (SWG)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> None                 | Unlicense      |
| iRules Language Extensions (iRulesLX)      | <input type="checkbox"/> None                 | Licensed       |
| URLDB Minimal (URLDB)                      | <input type="checkbox"/> None                 | Unlicense      |
| DDOS Protection (DOS)                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nominal ▼ | Licensed       |

Back

Revert

Submit

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**Note:** The above task ensures that you are using a purpose built DDoS Hybrid Defender. If you are familiar with other F5 Modules/Technology that you have used in the past, you will notice that we have none of those provisioned.

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- When done click **Submit**.

## Task 2 – DDoS Hybrid Defender Base Configuration

The architecture and design decisions should have been made already. Based on F5 recommendations we are going to deploy this device in L2 Transparent Mode.

- Click **Network** in the left hand menu. Then Select **Topology**.
- Click **Create** on the upper right side.
- You will notice the various options you can select based on the prior architecture decisions.
- For this classes purpose **Click** on the VLAN Group image.

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Network » Topology


TopologyHigh Availability

Network Configuration Type  
Inline

Virtual Wire  
Deployment as an inline L2 transparent mode device requiring minimal configuration (but not the wire).

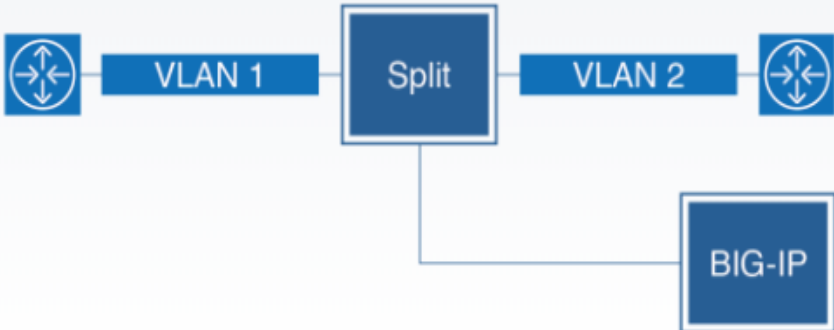


VLAN Group  
Inline deployment as an L2 transparent bridge between two L2 network segments.



Out of Band

SPAN Port  
Out-of-band deployment that analyzes mirrored network traffic.



Show Advanced Menu

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- Fill out the information from the table below. Then Click **Done Editing** within that section.

|                             |                                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>VLAN Group Name:</b>     | defaultVlan                      |
| <b>Internal: VLAN Tag</b>   | 20                               |
| <b>Internal: Interfaces</b> | 1.2 Untagged (Click <b>Add</b> ) |
| <b>External: VLAN Tag</b>   | 10                               |
| <b>External: Interfaces</b> | 1.1 Untagged (Click <b>Add</b> ) |

- At the bottom of the page click **Finished** to create the default network.

**This completes the initial Network Set-Up of DHD.**

## 7.2.2 Lab 2 – Configuring Hybrid Defender DDoS Device Protection

### Task 1 – Verify Communication Through the DHD Device.

- **PuTTY** to the **BIG-IP CLI** (10.1.1.245) from your jumpbox desktop shortcut and resize window by making it wider. You will be logged on as `root`.
- At the **config** prompt, type (or copy and paste) the following command:  

```
tcpdump -i 0.0 host 10.1.20.12
```
- **PuTTY** to the **Attacker** host from your jumpbox desktop shortcut. Accept the Warning. Enter “ubuntu” as the user. It will use a **pre-loaded public key** as the credentials.
- At the **config** prompt, type (or copy and paste) the following command:  

```
ping 10.1.20.12
```
- Examine the **tcpdump** window and verify ICMP packets are flowing through the BIG-IP DHD.



The attacker can successfully communicate with a back-end resource behind the BIG-IP DHD.

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**Note:** The listener for the ICMP packets is the VLAN group.

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- Cancel the `ping` command, then verify the `tcpdump` stops receiving ICMP packets, and then press **Enter** several times to clear the recent log entries.

## Task 2 – Disable Device-Level DHD DoS Protection

- In the Configuration Utility, in the **DoS Configuration >> Device Protection** section click **Network**.

- On the left side of the page select the checkbox for **ICMPv4 flood** and **UDP Flood**.
  - At the bottom just below the last vector, choose the drop down **Set State** and then select **Disabled**.

**Hint:** This is the new method for selecting and changing multiple items at one-time. This will be how we

will **Set State** and **Set Threshold**.

|                                     |                                             |          |                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">TTL &lt;= &lt; tunable &gt;</a> | Mitigate | Bad-Header-IPv4 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <a href="#">UDP Flood</a>                   | Mitigate | Flood           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">Unknown Option Type</a>         | Mitigate | Bad-Header-IPv4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">Unknown TCP Option Type</a>     | Mitigate | Bad-Header-TCP  |

Set State ▼

Set Threshold ▼

Disabled

Learn Only

Detect Only

Mitigate

- Navigate back to the top of the window and Select **Commit Changes to System**

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**Device Protection**

Protected Objects

Protection Profiles

?

**Unsaved changes to the Profile!**

Profile has been modified but not committed to the system. Changes must be committed to the system.

Commit Changes to SystemCancel

**Properties**

Log Publisherlocal-db-publisher▼

Threshold SensitivityMedium▼

Eviction PolicyDHD\_\_EvictPol▼

**AutoThreshold**

RelearnStart Relearning

**Dynamic Signatures**

RelearnStart Relearning

- On the Jumpbox in the **Attacker** PuTTY window type (or copy and paste) the following:

```
# sudo su
# cd scripts
# ls
```

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**Note:** Ignore the “sudo: unable to resolve host” error.

---

```
Last login: Tue Jul 17 18:20:13 2018 from
ubuntu@xjumpbox:~$ sudo su
sudo: unable to resolve host xjumpbox
root@xjumpbox:/home/ubuntu#
```

These are some of the different scripts we'll be using during the exercises to simulate DoS attacks.

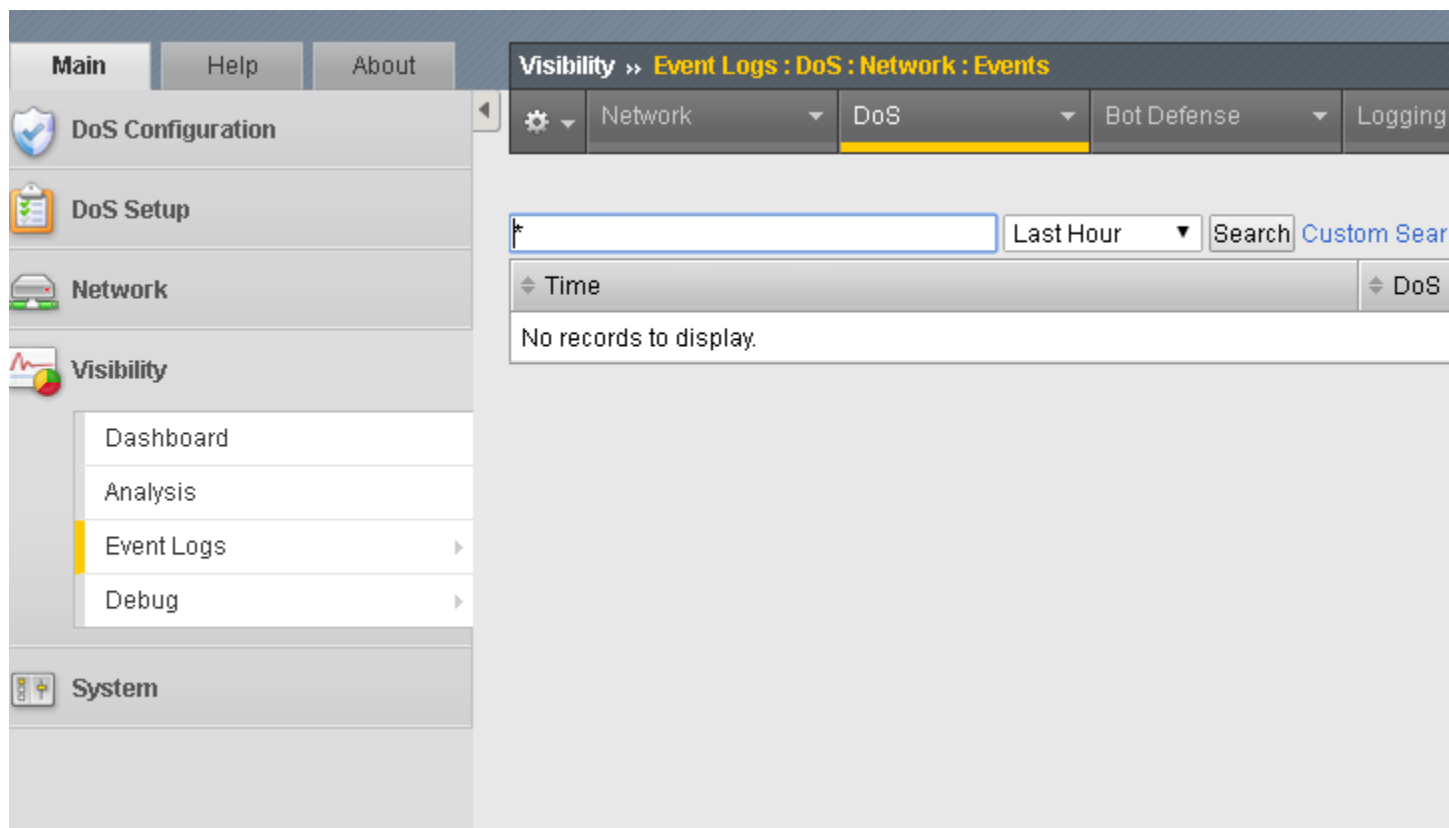
- Type (or copy and paste) the following command:

```
for i in {1..10}; do ./icmpflood.sh; done
```

This script launches the Attack and then repeats for a total of ten occurrences.

- View the `tcpdump` window and verify that ICMP attack traffic is reaching the back-end server.
- Let the attack run for about 15 seconds before moving on.
- In the Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Configuration >> DoS Overview (non HTTP)** page.
- Make sure the Filter Type is “Dos Attack”.
- View the Protection Profile column in the display and notice no results are returned, you disabled those vectors.

- Navigate to **Visibility >> Event Logs >> DoS >> Network >> Events**.



- Go back to the **Attacker** and stop the script. CTRL+C (This needs to be hit several times to break out of the script)

- Notice no logs are captured. We could have chosen **Learn Only** or **Detect Only** and had different results. If you want to test, feel free.

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**Note:** If you want to run the other attacks, use the format above. `./synflood.sh` and `udp_flood.sh` behave similar. If you are not seeing the traffic on the DHD CLI, Stop and Re-Start the tcpdump.

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Both of these locations we will return to throughout this course to see how our DHD is viewing these attacks.

### Task 3 – Re-enable Device-Level DHD DoS Protection

In this task you will re-configure **device-level** DoS protection and then issue the same command and review the results.

- In the Configuration Utility, in the **DoS Configuration >> Device Protection** under Log Publisher select “local-db-publisher”.
- Next click the **Network** section.
- On the left side of the page select the checkbox for **ICMPv4 flood** and **UDP Flood**.
- At the bottom just below the last vector, chose the drop down **Set State** and then select **Mitigate**.

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**Note:** You have the option of Learn Only and Detect Only as well.

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- Navigate back to the top of the window and Select **Commit Changes to System**

---

**Note:** This returns the configuration back to factory supplied device level enforcement.

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#### Task 4 – Attack the DDoS Hybrid Defender again and see what you can tell.

- Type (or copy and paste) the following command:  

```
for i in {1..10}; do ./icmpflood.sh; done
```
- In the Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Configuration >> DoS Overview (non HTTP)** page.
- Make sure the Filter Type is “Device Dos”.
- This page will show the preset vectors for the Device and the Current **Attack Status**, **Average EPS**, **Current Dropped EPS** and the **Detection Thresholds** including the **Threshold Mode**.
- Scroll down until you see ICMPv4 Flood.

|                                      |          |         |          |      |      |
|--------------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|------|------|
| <a href="#">ICMP frame too large</a> | Mitigate | Network | Ready    | None | None |
| <a href="#">ICMPv4 flood</a>         | Mitigate | Network | Learning | None | None |
| <a href="#">ICMPv6 flood</a>         | Mitigate | Network | Ready    | None | None |
| <a href="#">IGMP flood</a>           | Mitigate | Network | Ready    | None | None |
| <a href="#">IGMP fragment flood</a>  | Mitigate | Network | Ready    | None | None |
| <a href="#">IP bad src</a>           | Mitigate | Network | Ready    | None | None |
| <a href="#">IP error checksum</a>    | Mitigate | Network | Ready    | None | None |
| <a href="#">IP fragment error</a>    | Mitigate | Network | Ready    | None | None |
| <a href="#">IP fragment flood</a>    | Mitigate | Network | Ready    | None | None |

**Attention:** Why is the DHD not dropping packets?

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**Hint:** Look at the Manual Thresholds set and the current rate of packets. We are not generating enough traffic.

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- We need to set a lower threshold Manually.
- In the Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Configuration >> Device Protection** page. Scroll down in the **Network** section to ICMPv4 flood. **Click** ICMPv4 flood.

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**Note:** The new fly out page.

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- Manually Set The Detection Threshold PPS to 100 and the Mitigation Threshold EPS to 500. Scroll up and **Commit Changes to System**

DoS Configuration >> **Device Protection**

⚙️
DoS Overview (non-HTTP)
**Device Protection**
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**Unsaved changes to the Profile!**  
Profile has been modified but not committed to the system. Changes must be committed to the system before taking effect.

**Properties**

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Log Publisher         | None ▼          |
| Threshold Sensitivity | Medium ▼        |
| Eviction Policy       | DHD__EvictPol ▼ |

**AutoThreshold**

|         |                                                 |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Relearn | <input type="button" value="Start Relearning"/> |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------|

**Dynamic Signatures**

|                         |                                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Relearn                 | <input type="button" value="Start Relearning"/> |
| Learning Phase End Time |                                                 |

**Whitelists**

State: ---
Add Filter:

**Network**

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Attack Type                       | State    | Type            | Threshold Mod |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">ARP Flood</a>         | Mitigate | Flood           | Fully Manual  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">Bad ICMP Checksum</a> | Mitigate | Bad-Header-ICMP | Fully Manual  |

- Relaunch the Attack from the Attacker CLI.

- In the Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Configuration >> DoS Overview (non HTTP)** page.
- Make sure the Filter Type is “Dos Attack”. See the Dropped traffic with the new thresholds. Alternatively, you can go “Device DoS”, scroll down to ICMPv4 Flood and see the same information.”

DoS Configuration » DoS Overview (non HTTP)

DoS Overview (non-HTTP)
Device Protection
Protected Objects
Protection Profiles
WhiteList
Signatures

View Filter

Filter Type
DoS Attack

Auto Refresh
Disabled
Refresh

Enter Vector Name

Attack Status

| Protection Profile | Vector                       | State    | Family  | Learning | Context | Aggregate | Bad Actor | Attacked |
|--------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| dos-device-config  | <a href="#">ICMPv4 flood</a> | Mitigate | Network | Learning | Device  | Dropped   | None      | None     |

- Look at the Protection Profile: dos-device, attack status and various rates.

- You can terminate the Attack with Ctrl+C when finished.

This concludes this section where we looked at setting manual thresholds to mitigate attacks that might not have been mitigated with the default settings.

**Note:** We did this to only one vector. These same procedure can be applied to all the vectors or selected vectors, depending on your environment.

## 7.3 DDoS Hybrid Defender Attacks and Mitigations

In this module you will create Protected Objects, Set Mitigation Thresholds Manually, and then launch various attacks against the F5 Networks DDoS Hybrid Defender and view the results in the GUI and logs. Then you will allow the DDoS Hybrid Defender to Automatically detect and set Threshold for detection and mitigation, easing the burden on Administrators. Finally, time permitting, we will explore Behavioral mitigations. (Covered in Detail in the Advanced class)

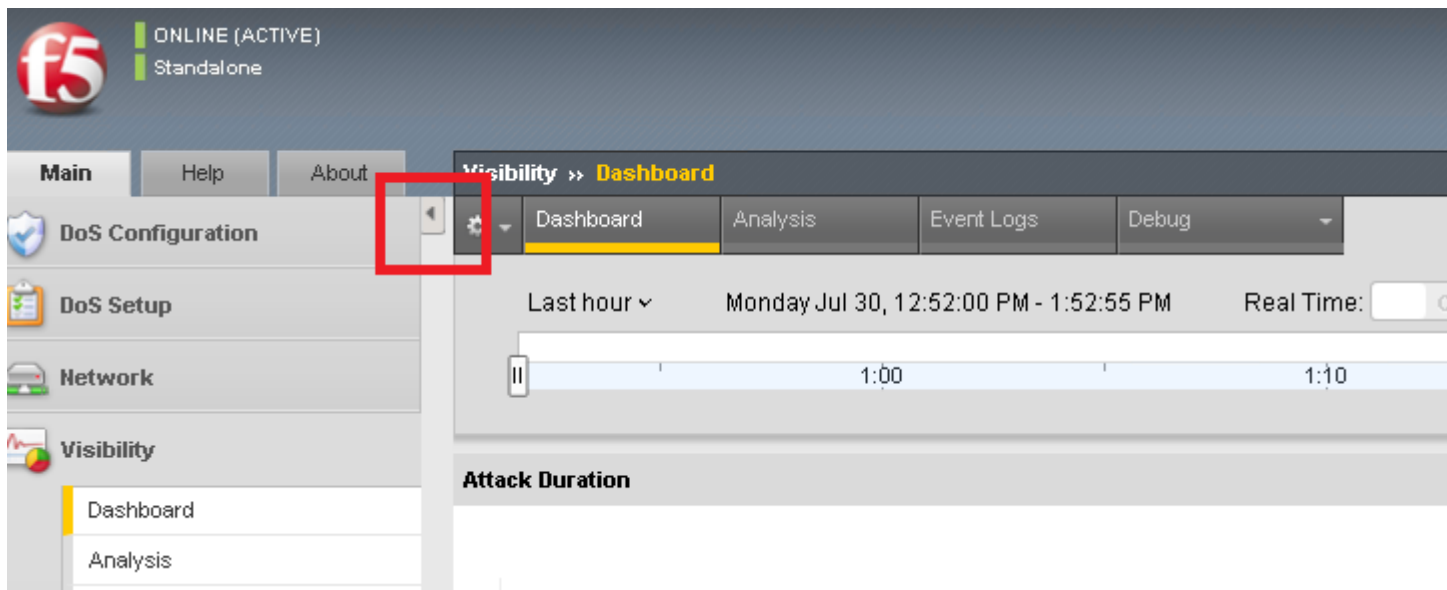
### 7.3.1 Lab 1 – Quick GUI Overview of the Visibility and Reporting Available

#### Task 1 – View the New Visibility Page

You can now use the new DHD Visibility page to view the Dashboard, Analysis, Event Logs and Debugging info.

- Take advantage of the expandable window feature to give more screen space to the GUI.





- In the Hybrid Defender Web UI, go to the Visibility >> Dashboard overview.

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**Note:** DoS Visibility Dashboard defaults to not Auto-Refresh. Click the Button to set **Real-Time** to **ON**.

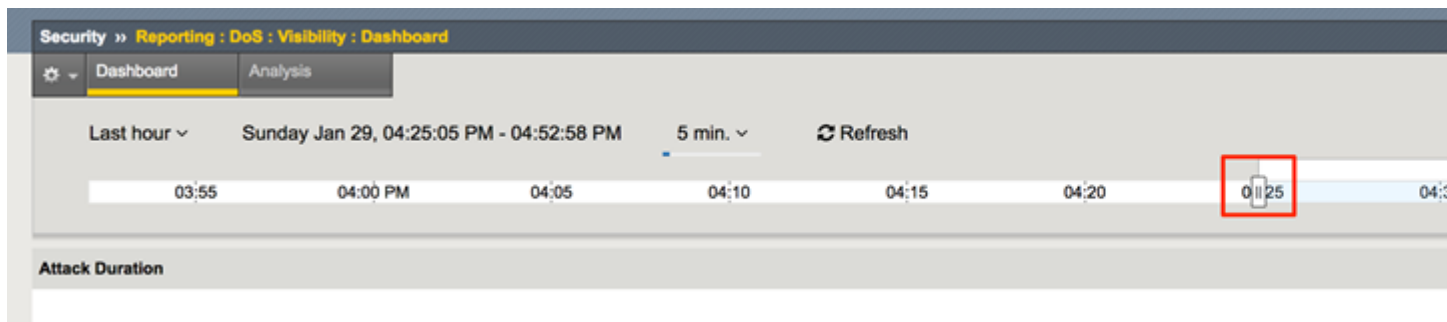
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- You should see categories as: Attack Duration, Attacks, Virtual Servers, System Health and Countries.

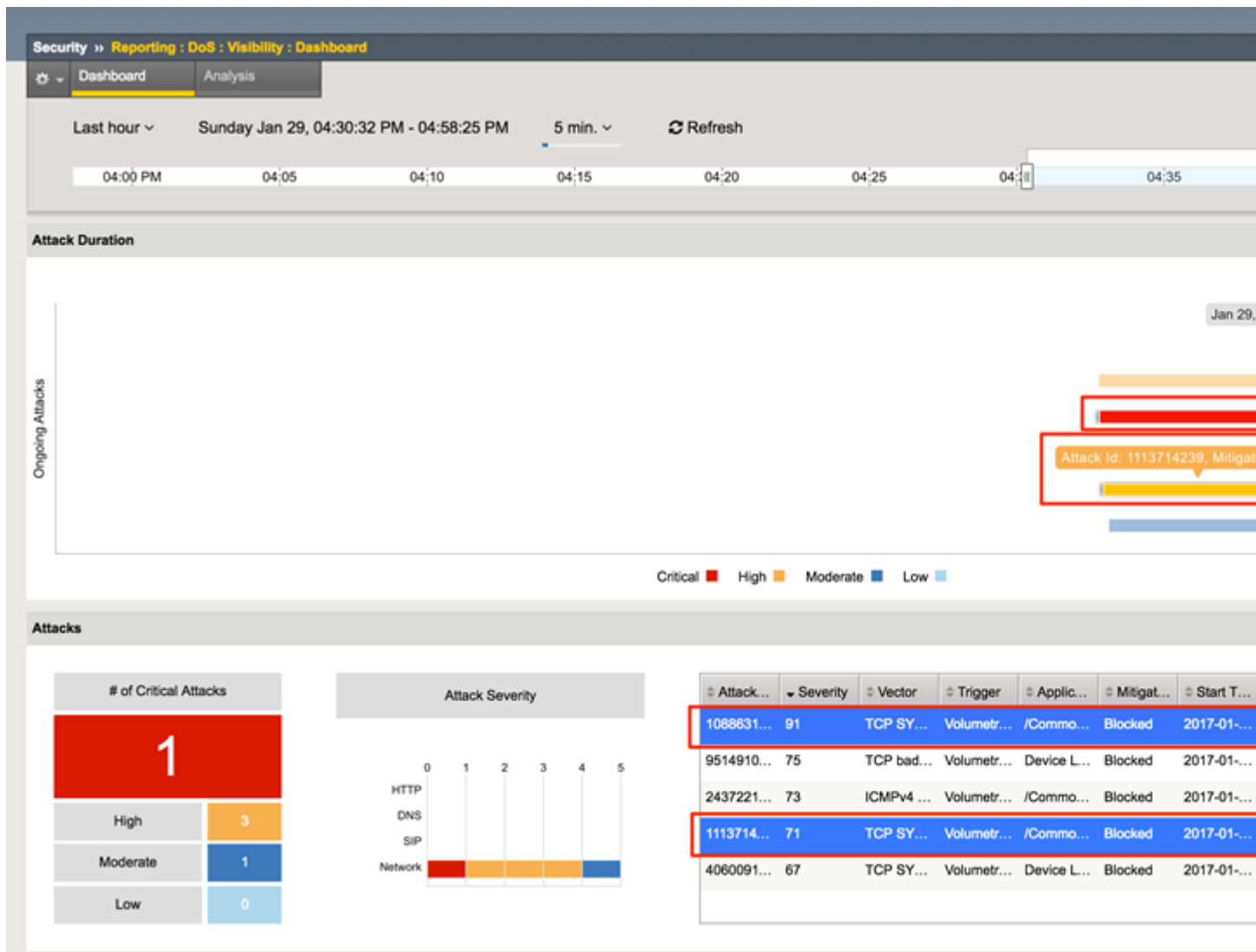


Scroll through the Left Pane and explore the windows.

- You can use the slider to shorten the time frame, or filter on the protocol, if desired when viewing attacks if needed.



- Later when we have data and attacks, you will see the different attacks in the **Attack Duration** window. You will be able to hover over for more details.



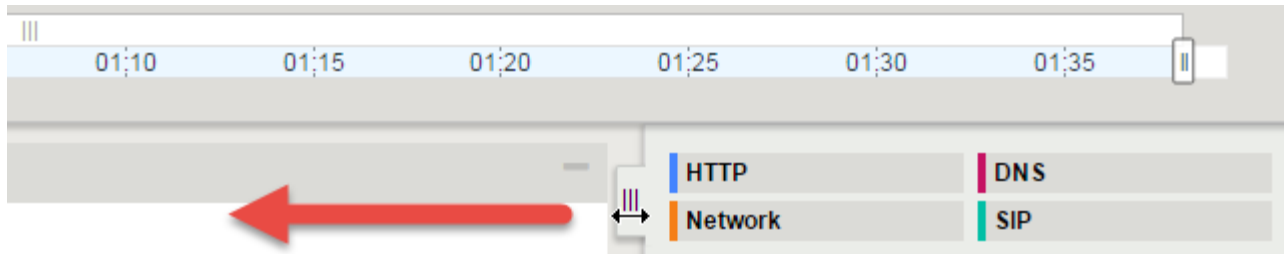
- Scroll down in the left-side of the page to view the **Attacks** section.
- View the details at the bottom of the **Attacks** section.

This table displays details of each attack that has occurred.

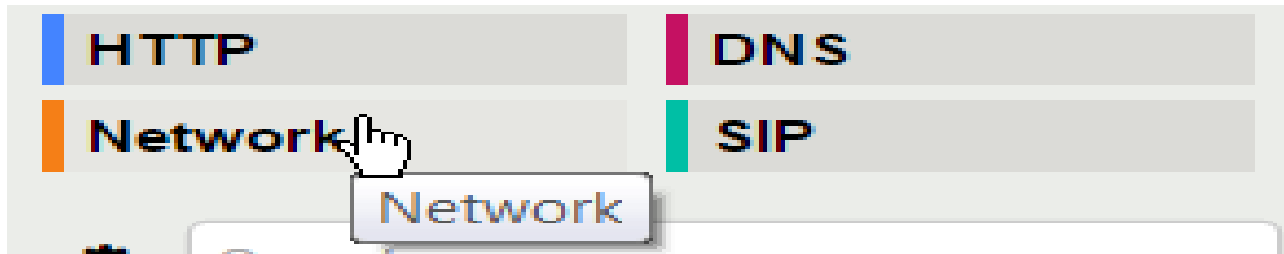
- Examples are; Attack ID, Severity, Vector, Trigger Virtual Server, Start Time, Stop Time... etc
- Scroll down in the left-side of the page to view the **Virtual Servers** section.
- You can see the details of **protected object**-level attacks.
- Examples are; Virtual Server, Server Latency, Health, Current Connections, Blocked IP's... etc
- Scroll down to the **System Health** section. This table displays the current health of the system.
- Scroll down to the **Countries** section. This table displays the attack details from each country.

Now focus on the Right Panel.

- View the various widgets in the panel on the right-side of the page. The top can be expanded and contracted via the slider bar.



- Click **Network** to filter out only the network-level attacks (all the attacks so far have been network-level).



- If it's not already expanded, expand the **Virtual Servers** widget, and then select **/Common/Server**.
- This filters the results to only attacks at this protected object-level. Notice the changes to the map on in the **Countries** section.
- Continue to Explore and Scroll down the right side. Notice each widget supplies greater detail.

### 7.3.2 Lab 2 - Multi-vector Attack Demo

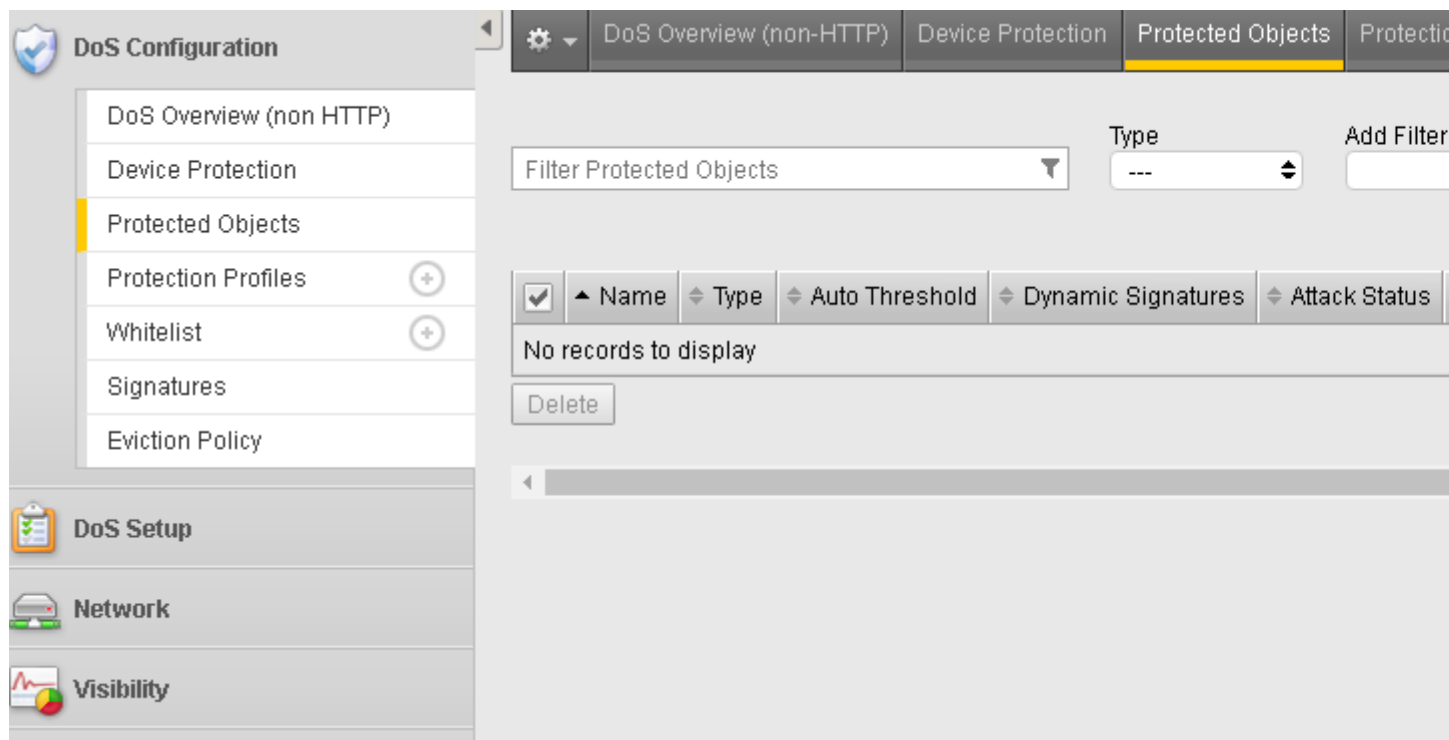
In this simple demo you will launch a small number of network attacks and show the configuration, logging and reporting capabilities of the F5® DDoS Hybrid Defender™. The point of this demo is to provide context for a UI walk-through with more live data and viewing and setting manual thresholds.

#### Task 1 – Create a Protected Object that the Attacker will be targeting

The DHD device wide protection is enforced for all traffic flowing through the device. For more granular control, we use **Protected Objects** and configure mitigation settings for those objects to be enforced.

In this task you will configure **Object-Level** DoS protection for a network (L4), simulating your Server Network and then issue an attack and review the results.

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Configuration >> Protected Objects** page and in the **Protected Objects** section click the **Create** dropdown and select **Protected Object**.



- Configure the Protected Object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Name                | ServerNet     |
| Destination Address | 10.1.20.0/24  |
| Port                | *All Ports    |
| Protocol            | All Protocols |
| Protection Profile: | dos           |
| Eviction Policy:    | Leave Blank   |
| VLAN(s):            | defaultVLAN   |
| Logging Profiles:   | local-dos     |

- Click **Save**

This protected object is defending all ports/protocols for 10.1.20.0/24, which is the network behind the Hybrid Defender. Attacks will be launched at 10.1.20.12, which is an interface on the LAMP server.

In the default **dos** profile no sections are selected or enabled for protected objects in the default configuration.

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Configuration >> Protection Profiles** page. Click **dos**, Then Check the **Network** box under the Families Heading.
- Click the Network Section. Notice all vectors are disabled. Check the top box to select all the vectors, Scroll to the bottom and Select **Mitigate**. Scroll to the top and **Commit Changes to System**.

### General Properties

|                       |                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Description           | <input type="text"/>                                                                                                                |
| Threshold Sensitivity | Medium ▼                                                                                                                            |
| Default Whitelist     | None ▼ <a href="#">Manage Address Lists</a>                                                                                         |
| HTTP Whitelist        | Use Default ▼                                                                                                                       |
| Families              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Network <input type="checkbox"/> DNS <input type="checkbox"/> SIP <input type="checkbox"/> HTTP |

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Add Filter

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### Network

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Vector Name                                          | State    | Threshold Mode |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">Host Unreachable</a>                     | Disabled |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">ICMP Fragment</a>                        | Disabled |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">ICMPv4 flood</a>                         | Disabled |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">ICMPv6 flood</a>                         | Disabled |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">IP Fragment Flood</a>                    | Disabled |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">IP Option Frames</a>                     | Disabled |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">IPv6 Extended Header Frames</a>          | Disabled |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">IPv6 extension header too large</a>      | Disabled |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">IPv6 Fragment Flood</a>                  | Disabled |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">IPv6 hop count &lt;= &lt;tunable&gt;</a> | Disabled |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">Non TCP Connection</a>                   | Disabled |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">Option Present With Illegal Length</a>   | Disabled |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">Sweep</a>                                | Disabled |                |

- Navigate to **DoS Configuration >> Device Protection**. Under Log Publisher select “local-db-publisher” from the drop down. Select **Commit Changes to System**. This publishes our logs to the appropriate location for analysis.

You will now launch the attacks and show the behavior

- Open the following tabs in the DHD UI (Duplicate Tabs to make it easier):
- **DoS Configuration >> DoS Overview >> Filter Type >> Try Both DoS Attack and Device Dos**
- **Visibility >> Dashboard** change Dashboard to **Real Time** which is centered on the timeline.
- **Visibility >> Event Logs >> DoS >> Network >> Events**

- Access the **Attacker** shell and run the following commands/attack (if already in the folder just issue the command)

```
# sudo su
# cd ~/scripts
# ./multivector.sh
```

**Note:** Ignore the “sudo: unable to resolve host” error.

```
Last login: Tue Jul 17 18:20:13 2018 from
ubuntu@xjumpbox:~$ sudo su
sudo: unable to resolve host xjumpbox
root@xjumpbox:/home/ubuntu#
```

- Click **Refresh** on the DoS Overview page. Look at and explore both **DoS Attack** and **Device Dos** filters to refine your results.

**DoS Configuration** » **DoS Overview (non HTTP)**

**View Filter**

Filter Type: **DoS Attack**

Auto Refresh: **Disabled** **Refresh**

Enter Vector Name

| Protection Profile | Vector                            | State    | Family  | Learning | Context |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| dos-device-config  | <a href="#">ICMPv4 flood</a>      | Mitigate | Network | Learning | Device  |
| dos-device-config  | <a href="#">TCP bad ACK flood</a> | Mitigate | Network | Ready    | Device  |

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Enter Vector Name

| Vector                                      | State    | Family  | Learn |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|
| <a href="#">ARP flood</a>                   | Mitigate | Network | Learn |
| <a href="#">Bad ICMP checksum</a>           | Mitigate | Network | Rate  |
| <a href="#">Bad ICMP frame</a>              | Mitigate | Network | Rate  |
| <a href="#">Bad IGMP frame</a>              | Mitigate | Network | Rate  |
| <a href="#">Bad IP Option</a>               | Mitigate | Network | Learn |
| <a href="#">Bad IP TTL value</a>            | Mitigate | Network | Rate  |
| <a href="#">Bad IP version</a>              | Mitigate | Network | Rate  |
| <a href="#">Bad IPv6 hop count</a>          | Mitigate | Network | Rate  |
| <a href="#">Bad IPv6 version</a>            | Mitigate | Network | Rate  |
| <a href="#">Bad SCTP checksum</a>           | Mitigate | Network | Rate  |
| <a href="#">Bad TCP checksum</a>            | Mitigate | Network | Rate  |
| <a href="#">Bad TCP flags (all cleared)</a> | Mitigate | Network | Rate  |

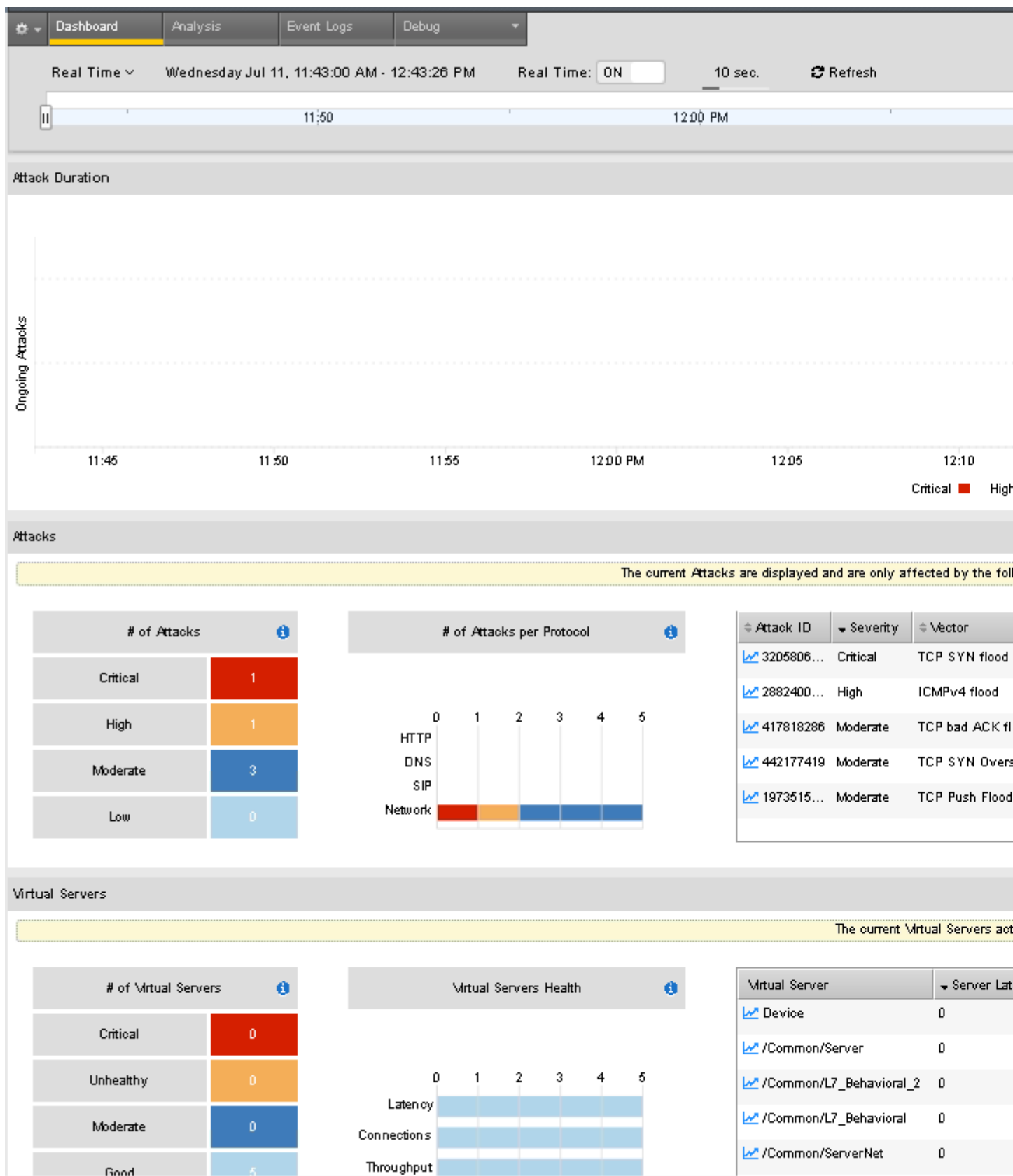
**Note:** The screens show different info, why? **Device Dos** shows the status of all vectors for that profile and the current status and rates. Use the last lesson to adjust thresholds of the current attacks to see different results.

**Hint:** Manual thresholds under **Dos Overview >> Filter Type >> Device DoS**. Scroll down and see all the vectors and rates. Adjust if you desire.

- Change the **View Filter** and see how you get different Views of some of the same data in a different context.
- Make sure you adjust the filter to **Protected Object** and select **ServerNet**. This will show the status of the protected object, not the device level protection.



- Navigate to **Visibility >> Dashboard**. Explore the amount of rich data returned. Hover over the attacks. Scroll down and see what information is supplied.





times for an attack, type, action, PPS and Dropped Packets etc.

- **Clean-up:** On the Attacker CLI, if the attack is still running be certain to end it with Ctrl-C.
- **Clean-up:** After stopping the attack, delete the ServerNet Protected Object.

### 7.3.3 Lab 3 – Using Auto Thresholding

This exercise will simulate a newly configured Protected Object where the Security Administrator is unsure what values to assign to a few common vectors. Note that auto-thresholding is useful at both the **Device** and **Protected** Object levels.

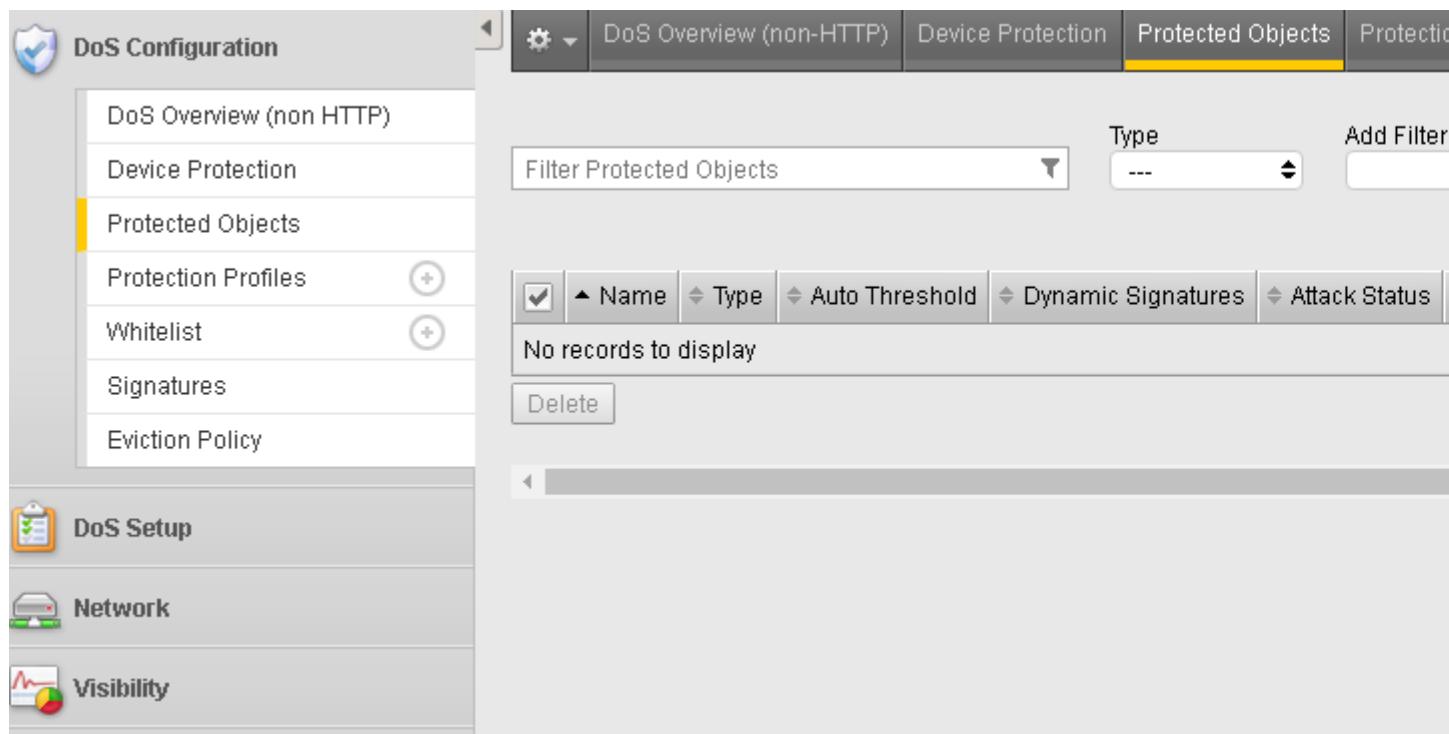
**Note:** This demo may place significant stress on the demo environment. This may make the DHD UI less responsive. This is unavoidable since for auto-thresholding to block, the attack must be damaging enough to cause stress, which will push the CPU on the Virtual Environment very high. Remember that this is a virtual environment with minimal resources for lab under high stress and that the Hybrid Defender appliances mitigate these attacks in dedicated hardware.

#### Task 1 – Create Protected Objects that the baseline traffic will be targeting

The DHD device wide protection is enforced for all traffic flowing through the device. For more granular control, we use **Protected Objects** and configure mitigation settings for those objects to be enforced.

In this task you will configure **object-level** DoS protection, and then issue an attack and review the results.

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Configuration >> Protected Objects** page and in the Protected Objects section click the **Create** dropdown and select **Protected Object**



- Configure the Protected Object using the following information, and then click **Create**.

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Name                | Server15    |
| Destination Address | 10.1.20.15  |
| Port                | *All Ports  |
| Protocol            | TCP         |
| Protection Profile: | dos         |
| Eviction Policy:    | Blank       |
| VLAN(s):            | defaultVLAN |
| Logging Profiles:   | local-dos   |


- Click **Save**
- This Protected Object will be used for the Auto-Thresholding lab.

## Task 2 – Run Scripts to start L4 traffic generation – Good Traffic

- Putty SSH (use the desktop shortcut) to open a shell to the **good client system**.
- Accept the SSH Warning.
- Enter “ubuntu” as the user. The session is preconfigured to authenticate with a certificate.
- This script will generate baseline traffic against both 10.1.20.14 and 10.1.20.15 (Your Protected Object)
- Start the auto-threshold base-lining script with:

```
# sudo su
# cd ~/scripts
# ./baseline_l4.sh
```

- In the Hybrid Defender UI, in **Dos Configuration >> Device Protection**, Click in the AutoThreshold Section **Start Relearning**



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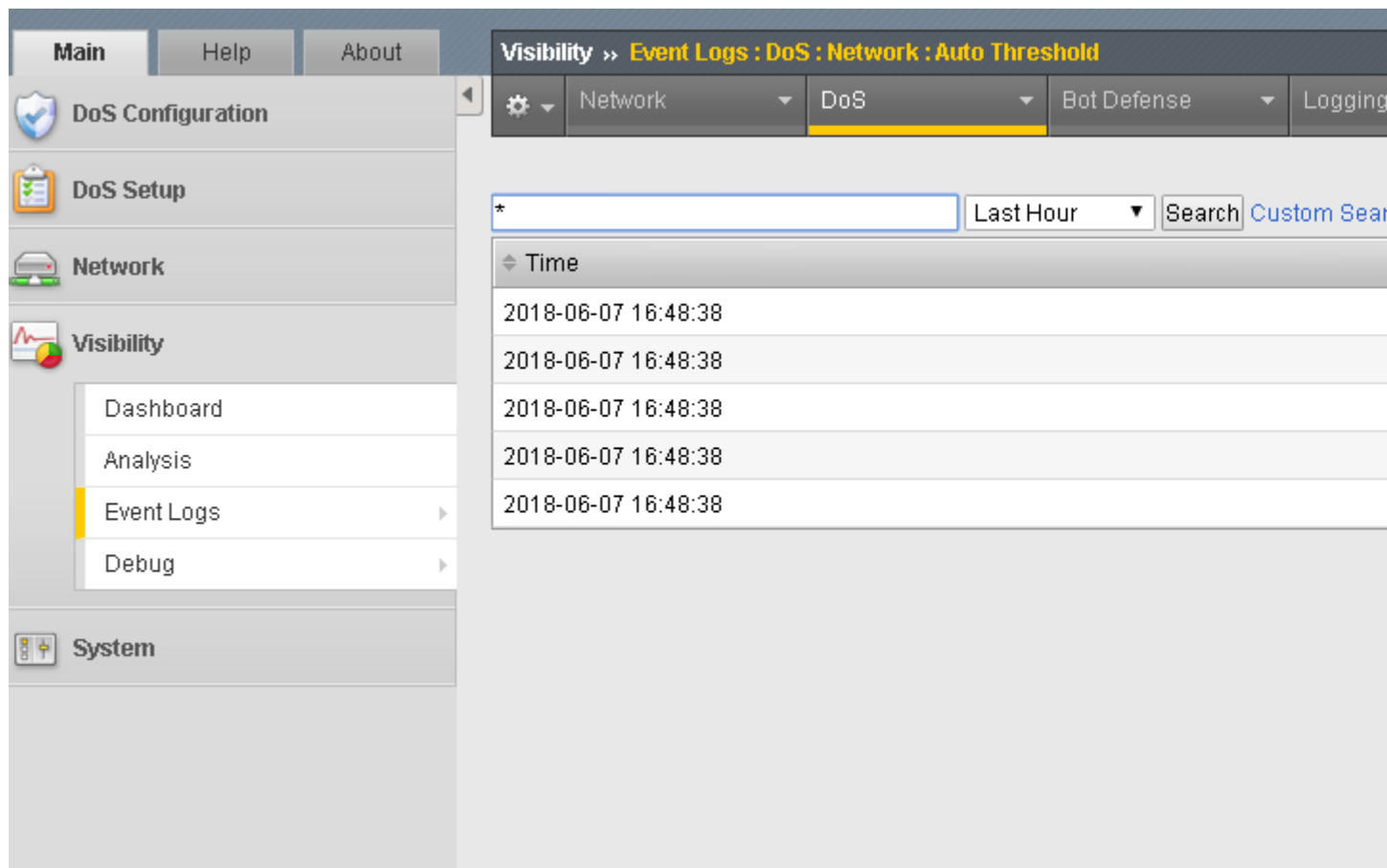
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In the Hybrid Defender Web UI, Navigate to **Dos Configuration >> Protection Profiles** Select the **dos** profile and Click the **Network** box. We will enable auto-thresholding for the following vectors: **ICMPv4 Flood, TCP SYN Flood, TCP Push Flood, TCP RST Flood, TCP SYN ACK Flood**. If not set to **Fully Automatic** select each vector and clicking the **Set Threshold Mode** drop down and selecting **Fully Automatic**. When

all vectors are configured, Go back to the top and Select **Commit Changes to System**.

- In the Hybrid Defender Web UI, view the Auto Threshold event log by navigating to **Visibility >> Event Logs >> DoS >> Network >> Auto Threshold**.



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**Note:** The system is updating the detection thresholds. With auto-thresholding, the system adjusts the detection thresholds based on observed traffic patterns.

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However, mitigation rate limits are always dynamic based on detected system or protected object stress. If anomalous levels of traffic are running, but there is no stress, the Hybrid Defender will generate alerts but will not block traffic. Under stress, the rate limits are automatically created and adjusted dynamically.

- In the Hybrid Defender UI, navigate to **Dos Configuration >> Dos Overview**, view in Dos Attack or Device Dos, the device sees no attacks.

### Task 3 – Create Stress to trigger Auto Thresholding and view Reports

- Let's create some stress with a Flood attack. In the **Attacker** CLI start the auto-threshold flood:

```
# sudo su
# cd ~/scripts
# ./autot_flood.sh
```

This is a long duration attack. You can terminate it with Ctrl+C when finished.

- In the Hybrid Defender Web UI, view the Dos Configuration >> DoS Overview. Note that the ICMP Flood attack is being mitigated and the rate limit thresholds for each of the auto-threshold vectors have been adjusted based on stress, including vectors that are not detecting or blocking an attack.

DoS Configuration >> **DoS Overview (non HTTP)**

⚙️ DoS Overview (non-HTTP) Device Protection Protected Objects Protection Profiles WhiteList Signatures

**View Filter**

Filter Type: DoS Attack ▼

Auto Refresh: Disabled ▼ Refresh

Enter Vector Name ▼

|                    |                              |          |         |          |         |           | Attack Status |          |  |
|--------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|---------------|----------|--|
| Protection Profile | Vector                       | State    | Family  | Learning | Context | Aggregate | Bad Actor     | Attacked |  |
| dos-device-config  | <a href="#">ICMPv4 flood</a> | Mitigate | Network | Learning | Device  | Detected  | None          | None     |  |

- Select the filter type to **Protected Object** and then Select the Virtual Server **Server15** and view how various thresholds are dynamically adjusted based on the stress. But all the blocking is still being handled by the device-dos.
- Terminate the attack in the Attacker CLI with Ctrl+C.
- After the attack has ended, in the Hybrid Defender Web UI, navigate to the **DoS Visibility** page. Click the **Network** filter. Under Vectors, select ICMPv4 Flood. View the various details.

**Attention:** If you want to run other attacks and see the UI and logging, adjust settings so you can mitigate attacks. Please do so. This will also be done in the Advanced Class.

- **Clean-up:** On the Attacker CLI, if the attack is still running be certain to end it with Ctrl-C.
- **Clean-up:** After stopping the attack, clear the learning on the Hybrid Defender CLI with:

```
# tmsh run security dos device-config auto-threshold-relearn
# tmsh run security dos virtual name Server15 auto-threshold-relearn
```

- **Clean-up:** Stop the baseline traffic generation from the **good-client** if still running using CTRL+C

### 7.3.4 Lab 4 – Configuring L7 Attack Protection

In this exercise we will use a protected object and enforce mitigation for low and slow/encrypted layer 7 attacks.



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**Note:** We will first launch attacks with no protection to see the results. Then enable protection and compare the results.

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### Task 1 – Use Firefox to access Website and use Attacker to bring it down.

- Open the following in separate tabs in the Hybrid Defender Web UI:
- **DoS Configuration >> Dos Overview**
- **Visibility >> Event Logs >> DoS >> Application Events**
- From a the **Firefox browser** on the jumphost go to <https://10.1.20.11>. Ignore SSL warning and Add Exception.

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**Note:** This bypasses the Hybrid Defender and accesses the server directly, showing the availability and/or performance of the site directly.

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Click around a few links. This is the site we will launch an attack against and mitigate.

- Verify that the configuration is providing no L7 protections by taking the server offline with a slowloris attack.

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**Note:** Apache will try to clean up the slow flows, but they will do so inefficiently and the server is impacted (which will show as an outage, missing objects and/or slower responsiveness).

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- Run the slowloris attack from the Attacker CLI:

```
# cd ~/scripts
# ./slowloris.sh
```

- The tool will rapidly show the site offline (10-15 seconds, with trivial traffic load)
- Refresh <https://10.1.20.11> to show the effects of the attack. Click links on the page.

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**Note:** Since we are running locally from the Win7 system in a virtualized environment, you may be able to access the site, however it will be slower and often the GIFs will not load. An Internet user would not be able to “fight through” the attack to get to the server as often as a system on the local LAN.

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- Stop the slowloris attack by using CTRL+C.

Start a more effective Slow Read attack.

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**Note:** This attack is harder for DoS mitigation tools to mitigate and can be very effective even with a tiny number of concurrent connections trickling in very slowly to the server to fly below the radar of network detections. In our example we will open 10 connections per second and read the response data at 1 byte / sec. The attack would be effective even at 1 cps, it would just take a bit longer to build up the connections.

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- From the **Attacker** CLI/shell start the slowread attack:

```
# cd ~/scripts
# ./slowread.sh
```

As soon as the site is down (service available: NO) in the Attacker CLI, refresh <https://10.1.20.11> to show that it is down/slow/intermittent.

- In the DDoS Hybrid Defender GUI access the tabs you opened previously and notice no attacks were detected.
- Stop the slowread attack by using CTRL+C.

## Task 2 – Create Protection Profile for Dos https Object

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Configuration >> Protection Profiles** page and click the **Create** button.
- Name the profile dos\_HTTPS and **select** the HTTP Families Vectors.

Change the settings depicted in the image below.

- Hover in the HTTP box and **Click** in the “White Space”
- Click “Per Source IP requests”
- Click the HTTP Group Configuration Link. On the Right Side.
- Under Behavioral and Stress Based Attributes, Set the Operation Mode to **Blocking**
- Leave Threshold Mode in Manual.
- Under Behavioral Based, Set the Mitigation to **Standard Mitigation**
- Ensure Signature Detection is Selected.
- Under Mitigation select Request Blocking “Rate Limit”
- **Commit Changes to System**

DoS Configuration >> Protection Profiles >> dos\_HTTPS

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General Properties

|                       |                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Description           |                                                                                                                                     |
| Threshold Sensitivity | Medium                                                                                                                              |
| Default Whitelist     | None <a href="#">Manage Address Lists</a>                                                                                           |
| HTTP Whitelist        | Use Default                                                                                                                         |
| Families              | <input type="checkbox"/> Network <input type="checkbox"/> DNS <input type="checkbox"/> SIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HTTP |

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| Vector Name                              | Sub-Family (Op. Mode)                  | Evaluated |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| <a href="#">Behavioral Bad Actor</a>     | Behavioral and Stress Based (Blocking) |           |
| <a href="#">Per Source IP Requests</a>   | Behavioral and Stress Based (Blocking) |           |
| <a href="#">Per Device ID Requests</a>   | Behavioral and Stress Based (Blocking) |           |
| <a href="#">Per Geolocation Requests</a> | Behavioral and Stress Based (Blocking) |           |
| <a href="#">Per URL Requests</a>         | Behavioral and Stress Based (Blocking) |           |
| <a href="#">Site Wide Requests</a>       | Behavioral and Stress Based (Blocking) |           |
| <a href="#">Per Source IP Requests</a>   | TPS Based (Off)                        |           |
| <a href="#">Per Device ID Requests</a>   | TPS Based (Off)                        |           |
| <a href="#">Per Geolocation Requests</a> | TPS Based (Off)                        |           |
| <a href="#">Per URL Requests</a>         | TPS Based (Off)                        |           |
| <a href="#">Site Wide Requests</a>       | TPS Based (Off)                        |           |

### Task 3 – Modify Default Eviction Policy

**Important:** When making a Slow-Read attack, a client establishes a connection to the Server and sends an appropriate HTTP request, However, the client reads the response at a very slow speed. Some Slow-Read attack clients don't read the response at all for long time and then starts reading data one byte at a time just before the idle connection timeout. The clients sends a Zero window to the server which makes the Server to assume that the client is busy reading the data. As a result, the server to keeps the connection opened for long period of time. Such multiple connections to the Server will consume the resources of the

server and can make the server unresponsive to the new and genuine requests.

In order to mitigate such an attack we need to make adjustments to the default-eviction-policy.

- Navigate to Dos Configuration >> Eviction Policy and **Click** on the default-eviction-policy.
- Under “Slow Flow Monitoring” choose “enable” and change the value to 1024.
- Under the “Grace Period” change the default value to 5 Seconds.
- Under “Slow Flow Throttling” change the value to “absolute” and 50 connections as the value.
- Click **Update** when finished.

The screenshot shows the configuration page for the 'default-eviction-policy' in Hybrid Defender. The breadcrumb trail is 'System >> Configuration : Local Traffic : Eviction Policy List >> default-eviction-policy'. There are two tabs: 'Properties' (selected) and 'Applied to Domains'. The 'General Properties' section includes fields for Name (default-eviction-policy), Description (empty), and Partition / Path (Common). The 'Configuration' section contains several settings: 'Trigger' with High Water Mark at 95% and Low Water Mark at 85%; 'Slow Flow Monitoring' set to 'Enabled...' with a value of 1024 Bytes/Second; 'Grace Period' set to 5 Seconds; and 'Slow Flow Throttling' set to 'Absolute...' with a value of 50 connections at most that are allowed to be slow. A 'Strategies' section features two lists: 'Selected' (Bias Idle, Bias Oldest) and 'Available' (Bias Bytes, Bias Fast, Bias Slow, Low Priority Route Domains, Low Priority Virtual Servers, Low Priority Countries, Low Priority Ports and Protocols), with left and right arrow buttons between them. At the bottom are 'Update', 'Clone', and 'Delete' buttons.

| General Properties |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Name               | default-eviction-policy |
| Description        |                         |
| Partition / Path   | Common                  |

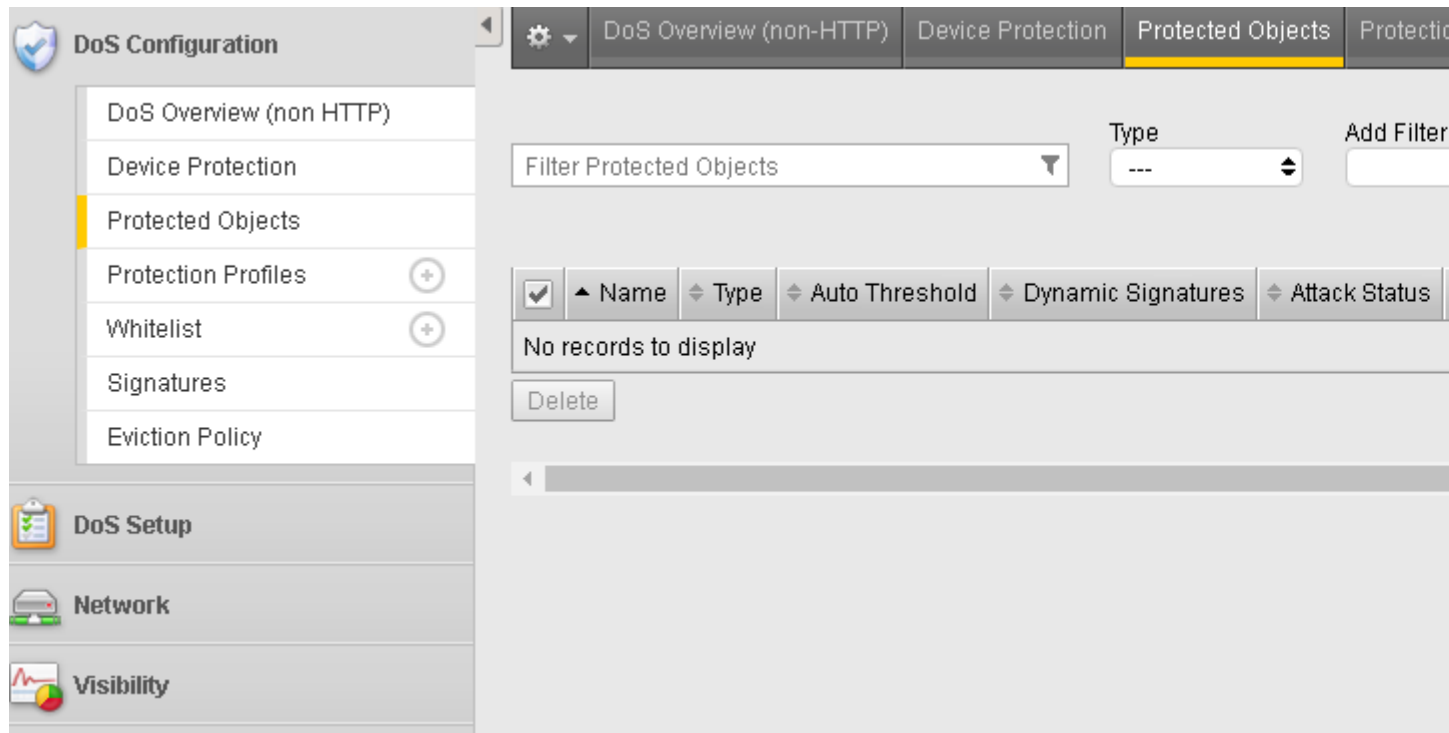
| Configuration        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Trigger              | High Water Mark: 95 %<br>Low Water Mark: 85 %                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Slow Flow Monitoring | Enabled... 1024 Bytes/Second                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Grace Period         | 5 Seconds                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Slow Flow Throttling | Absolute... 50 connections at most that are allowed to be slow                                                                                                                                                         |
| Strategies           | <div>Selected: Bias Idle, Bias Oldest</div> <div>Available: Bias Bytes, Bias Fast, Bias Slow, Low Priority Route Domains, Low Priority Virtual Servers, Low Priority Countries, Low Priority Ports and Protocols</div> |

Update Clone Delete

What we are doing here is setting up the policy to recognize and then evict slow flows through the DDoS Hybrid Defender.

### Task 3 – Create Protected Object

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Configuration >> Protected Objects** page and in the **Protected Objects** section click the **Create** dropdown and select **Protected Object**.



- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Save**.

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Name:                | Server_HTTPS            |
| Destination Address: | 10.1.20.11              |
| Service Port:        | 443                     |
| Protocol:            | TCP                     |
| Service Profile:     | http                    |
| Protection Profile:  | dos_HTTPS               |
| Eviction Policy:     | default-eviction-policy |
| VLAN(s):             | default_VLAN            |
| Logging Profile(s):  | local-dos               |

### Task 4 – Configure Protection/Mitigation

Next we need to modify the VS we created to pass traffic.

- At the bottom of the Menu **Click** the “Show Advanced Menu” >> Local Traffic >> Virtual Servers >> Virtual Server List >> Select the Server\_HTTPS VS.
- Under “Configuration” Select **Advanced**
- Ensure the following are Set:
- SSL Profile (Client) to **clientssl**
- SSL Profile (Server) to **serverssl**

- Source Address translation to **none**
- Uncheck Address translation
- Uncheck Port translation
- Set Transparent Next Hop to the Internal Interface Bridge Member of the VLAN. If you have followed along, it will be the interface associated with 1.2
- To figure out interface type “tmsh list net vlan” You want the next hop to be the internal interface.
- Click **Update**

Next we need to modify the Virtual Server Address List Address

- At the bottom of the Menu **Click** the “Show Advanced Menu” >> Local Traffic >> Virtual Servers >> Virtual Address List >> Select the address 10.1.20.11
- Under **Configuration** disable/ uncheck ARP.
- Click **Update**

### Task 5 – Attack Website notice Mitigation/Protection

- From the **Attacker** CLI/shell start the slowread attack:

```
# cd ~/scripts
# ./slowread.sh
```

- From Firefox access the website and click around. You will notice although the website is being DoS'd via slow read, the website remains available.
- If you look in the command window of the Attacker the tool even reports the site off-line, although the site remains available.
- On the DHD CLI run the following command.

```
#tmctl -w 200 virtual_server_stat -s name,clientside.cur_conns,clientside.slow_conns,
↪clientside.slow_killed,serverside.cur_conns,serverside.slow_conns,serverside.slow_
↪killed
```

- Notice as the slow connections increase, the DDoS Hybrid Defender will start killing them.
- **Clean-up:** On the Attacker CLI, if the attack is still running be certain to end it with Ctrl-C.
- **Clean-up:** After stopping the attack, delete the Server Protected Object.

## 7.3.5 Lab 5 – Configuring L7 Behavioral Attack Protection

In this exercise we will use a protected object and analyze how the DDoS Hybrid Defender reacts and mitigates L7 attacks based on Behavioral Analysis.

### Task 1 – Create Protection Profile for Dos Behavioral Object

- In the BIG-IP Configuration Utility, open the **DoS Configuration >> Protection Profiles** page and click the **Create** button.
- Name the profile **dos\_behavioral** and **select** the “Network” and “HTTP Families”.
- Hover over the Network Box. Click the Pencil in the right corner.

- Ensure Dynamic Signature Enforcement is “enabled”.
- Hover in the HTTP box and **Click** in the “White Space”
- Click “Per Source IP Requests” Under Behavioral and Stress Based.
- Click the HTTP Group Configuration Link. On the Right Side.
- Under Behavioral and Stress Based Attributes, Set the Operation Mode to **Blocking**
- Leave Threshold Mode in Manual.
- Under Behavioral Based, Set the Mitigation to **Standard Mitigation**
- Ensure Signature Detection is Selected.
- **Commit Changes to System**
- Go back and click in HTTP again.
- Select “Per Source IP Requests” Under Behavioral and Stress Based, Select Request Blocking (Near the bottom, right).
- **Commit Changes to System**

This places this profile into a behavioral based detection profile. No vectors are used in this demo.

## Task 2 – Create Protected Object and Launch Attack

- In the **BIG-IP Configuration Utility**, open the **DoS Protection >> Quick Configuration** page and in the **Protected Create**.
- Configure a protected object using the following information, and then click **Save**.

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Name                | Auction        |
| Destination Address | 10.1.20.101    |
| Service Port        | 80             |
| Protocol            | TCP            |
| Service Profile:    | http           |
| Protection Profile: | dos_behavioral |
| VLAN(s)             | default_VLAN   |
| Logging Profile(s)  | local-dos      |

DoS Configuration » Protected Objects

⚙️
DoS Overview (non-HTTP)
Device Protection
Protected Objects
Protection Profiles
Whitelist
Signatures

Filter Protected Objects
Type
Add Filter

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ▲ Name                  | ◆ Type | ◆ Auto Threshold | ◆ Dynamic Signatures | ◆ Attack Status | ◆ Scrubber | ◆ Current BW (Mbps) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <a href="#">Auction</a> | Inline | ● Disabled       | ○ Unready            | ➡               | None       | 0.0317              |

Delete

- Click in the whitespace of the Protected Object to get additional info that will be useful for detection and mitigation.



DoS Configuration >> Protected Objects

DoS Overview (non-HTTP)
Device Protection
Protected Objects
Protection Profiles
Whitelist
Signatures
Eviction

Filter Protected Objects
Type
Add Filter

| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Name    | Type   | Auto Threshold | Dynamic Signatures | Attack Status | Scrubber | Current BW (Mbps) | Max. BW (Mbps) |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|----------|-------------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Auction | Inline | Disabled       | Unready            |               | None     | 0.00              | Infinite       |

**Auction**

**Server Stress**
0/100

**Destination Address:**  
10.1.20.101

**Destination Port:**  
80

**Source Address:**  
0.0.0.0/0

**Description:** No description provided

Attack

| Vector           | Family | Type | Attack-ID | Attack Start Time | Attack Status |
|------------------|--------|------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|
| No attacks found |        |      |           |                   |               |

**Bandwidth (Last Hour)**

Incoming(bps)

**Packet Rate**

Incoming(pps)

Delete

**Warning:** Name needs to be exact or demo will fail.

- Next we need to modify the VS we created earlier to pass traffic.
- At the bottom of the Menu **Click** the “Show Advanced Menu” >> Local Traffic >> Virtual Servers >> Virtual Server List >> Select the Auction Server.
- Under “Configuration” Select **Advanced**

- Ensure the following are Set:
- Source Address translation to none
- Uncheck Address translation
- Uncheck Port translation
- Set Transparent Next Hop to the Internal Interface Bridge Member of the VLAN.
- To figure out interface type “tmsh list net vlan” You want the next hop to be the internal interface.
- Click **Update**
- Next we need to adjust for ARP.
- Go to >> Local Traffic >> Virtual Servers >> Virtual Address List >> Select the Server 10.1.20.101
- Under Configuration Un-Select ARP.
- **Click Update**
- From the Good Client CLI, issue the following command.

```
#sudo su
# cd scripts
#./generate_clean_traffic_101.sh
```

Make sure you are receiving Status Code 200. If you are not receiving a 200, ask for assistance.

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**Note:** This will need to run for approximately 10 minutes.

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- From the DHD CLI issue the following commands:

```
#/root/scripts/l7bdos-reset.sh
#admd -s vs. | grep -e learning -e health -e attack
```

You can use variations of the filters in grep if you are familiar.

- Monitor the window. When you see the following number go to 100, you will move on.

```

vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.458797]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.learning:[76.8259, 633, 4679, 100]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.457637]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.467215]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.699517]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.802474]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.826625]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.831462]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.823536]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.826356]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.81916]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.823459]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.learning:[6.10026, 633, 4679, 100]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.821385]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.811846]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.815939]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[1.09817]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[1, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[1.0852]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[1, 1]

```

- The health of the Protected Object will be shown. In general, a healthy system will show a value around .45. If the value is .5 consistently, then for some reason no learning is occurring and you should check your configuration and verify that baselining traffic is hitting the protected object in question.
- If the system has detected and is mitigating an attack, or not. This will show in the output of 'info.attack' signal. The two numbers in brackets indicate if there is an attack (1 = yes, 0 = no) and if the system is mitigating that attack (1 = yes, 0 = no).
- The output will also include the 'info.learning' signal, which includes 4 comma-separated values that show the status of the admind behavioral dos learning:

```

vs./Common/Auction.sig.health:[0.46014]
vs./Common/Auction.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction.info.learning:[78.3191, 633, 4570, 100]

```

- signal values: [baseline\_learning\_confidence, learned\_bins\_count, good\_table\_size, good\_table\_confidence]

- baseline\_learning\_confidence in % - How confident the system is in the baseline learning.
  - This should be between 80% - 90%
- learned\_bins\_count - number of learned bins
  - This should be > 0
- good\_table\_size - number of learned requests
  - This should be > 4000
- good\_table\_confidence - how confident, as a percentage, the system is in the good table.
  - It must be 100% for behavioral signatures.
- From the Attacker CLI issue the following command:

```
~/scripts/http_flood_101.sh
```

```
root@Attacker:~/scripts# ./http_flood.sh
1) Attack Auction
2) Small Flood
3) Attack End
4) Quit
#?
```

- Choose option 1, "Attack Auction"
- You will see the attack start in the DDoS Hybrid Defender SSH window:

```
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[0.801758]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[0, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[1.0784]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[1, 0]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[1.08081]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[1, 1]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[1.06943]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[1, 1]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[1.07413]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[1, 1]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.sig.health:[1.05872]
vs./Common/Auction+/Common/dos_behavioral.info.attack:[1, 1]
```

- In addition you will see the good client start returning a status of 000 as it is unresponsive. It no longer returns a Status 200. Until the DHD starts mitigation.

```
root@xjumpbox: ~  
Baselining for L7 BDOS. Watch 'admd -s vs./Common/Auction.info -s vs./Common/Auction.sig.health' for status.  
  
sell.php      status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.001  
sell.php      status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.001  
sell.php      status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.002  
register.php   status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.002  
register.php   status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.001  
register.php   status: 200      bytes: 23586     time: 0.486  
help.php      status: 000      bytes: 0         time: 1.002  
help.php      status: 200      bytes: 9637      time: 0.071  
█
```

- You will see the DDoS Hybrid Defender issue a reset when it mitigates the attack.

```
root@Attacker: /home/ubuntu/scripts
Total of 2925 requests completed

Test aborted after 10 failures

apr_socket_connect(): Connection reset by peer (104)
Total of 2298 requests completed

Test aborted after 10 failures

apr_socket_connect(): Connection reset by peer (104)
Total of 4646 requests completed

Test aborted after 10 failures

apr_socket_connect(): Connection reset by peer (104)
Total of 10771 requests completed

Test aborted after 10 failures

apr_socket_connect(): Connection reset by peer (104)
Total of 9413 requests completed

Test aborted after 10 failures

apr_socket_connect(): Connection reset by peer (104)
Total of 7117 requests completed
^C
root@Attacker:/home/ubuntu/scripts#

Server Software:      Apache/1.3.26
Server Hostname:      10.1.20.101
Server Port:          80

Document Path:        /
Document Length:       Variable

Concurrency Level:     100
Time taken for tests:   59.426 seconds
Complete requests:      38565
Failed requests:        77071
    (Connect: 0, Receive: 38523, Length: 0, Exceptions: 38548)
Keep-Alive requests:    0
Total transferred:      953610 bytes
HTML transferred:       937062 bytes
Requests per second:    648.96 [#/sec] (mean)
Time per request:       154.093 [ms] (mean)
Time per request:       1.541 [ms] (mean, across all concurrent requests)
Transfer rate:          15.67 [Kbytes/sec] received
```

- Explore Dos Configuration >> Protected Objects. Click on the “Attack Status” to expand.

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Filter Protected Objects

Type

Add Filter

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Name

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Type

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Auto Threshold

☐

Dynamic Signatures

☐

Attack Status

Auction

Inline

Disabled

Fully Ready

Auction

Server Stress

45/100

Destination

10.1.20.11

Source Address

0.0.0.0/0

Description: No description provided

Vector

Family

HTTP Behavioral Anomalous Bad Actors

HTTP Behavioral

Bandwidth (Last Hour)

Incoming(bps)

Delete

- Let this run for 2 minutes. Stop the attack by pressing “Enter” a couple of times in the **Attacker** window the choosing option “3” to stop the “Attack”

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**Note:** The DDoS Hybrid Defender does not record the end of the attack right away, it is very conservative, therefore you may have to wait 5 minutes to see the results.

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- Look at the Event Logs.

Visibility » Event Logs : DoS : Application Events

Network

DoS

Bot Defense

Logging Profiles

Last Hour

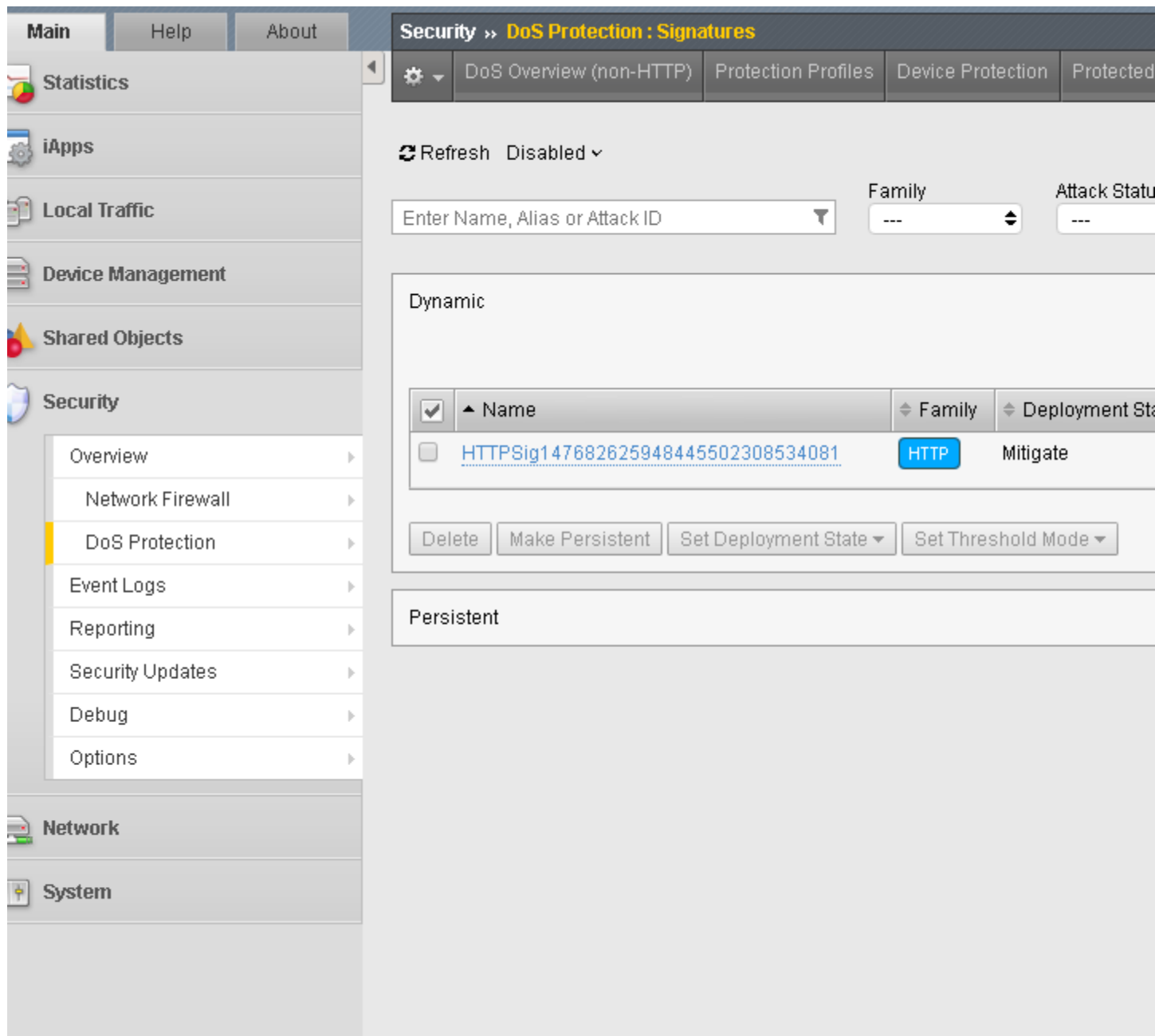
Search

Custom Search...

| Time                | Virtual Server  |   | Profile Name           | Event          | Detection Mode       | M    |
|---------------------|-----------------|---|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------|
| 2018-07-13 16:03:31 | /Common/Auction | + | /Common/dos_behavioral | Attack started | Behavioral detection | Tran |
| 2018-07-13 15:54:37 | /Common/Auction | + | /Common/dos_behavioral | Attack ended   | Behavioral detection | Tran |
| 2018-07-13 15:48:19 | /Common/Auction | + | /Common/dos_behavioral | Attack started | Behavioral detection | Tran |
| 2018-07-13 15:40:45 | /Common/Auction | + | /Common/dos_behavioral | Attack ended   | Behavioral detection | Tran |
| 2018-07-13 15:33:42 | /Common/Auction | + | /Common/dos_behavioral | Attack started | Behavioral detection | Tran |

- Look at the Signature created. Advanced Menu >> Security >> Dos Protection >> signatures





- This concludes the DHD Hands on Labs.



## Introduction to L7 Behavioral DoS

F5's Application Security Manager, Advanced Web Application Firewall, and DDoS Hybrid Defender products all include advanced functionality for defending L7DoS attacks. In this self-paced lab, attendees will have an opportunity to explore L7 Behavioral DoS (BaDOS), leverage BaDOS to mitigate various L7DoS attacks, and examine the built-in reporting and monitoring functions provided by Advanced Web Application Firewall. At the conclusion of the lab, the attendee will have comfort in the basics of BaDOS, how the feature is deployed, and the types of attacks it can be used to mitigate.

Expected time to complete: 45-60 minutes

### 8.1 Getting Started

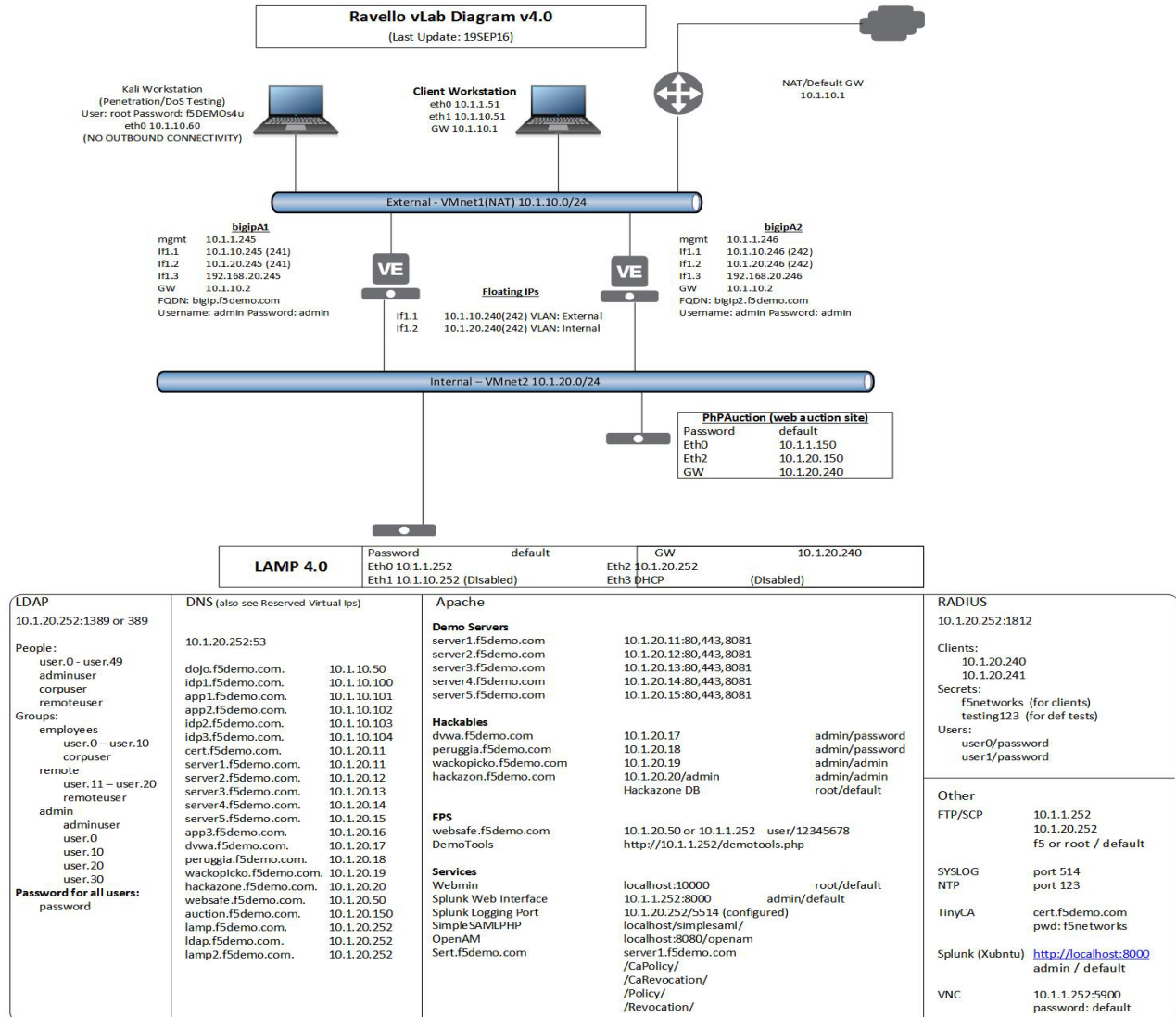
Please follow the instructions provided by the instructor to start your lab and access your jump host.

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**Note:** All work for this lab will be performed exclusively from the Linux Workstation jumphost. No installation or interaction with your local system is required.

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## 8.1.1 Lab Topology



## 8.1.2 Lab Components

The following table lists VLANS, IP Addresses and Credentials for all components:

| Component                | VLAN/IP Address(es)                                                                                                                                               | Credentials         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| bigip01                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Management:</b> 10.1.1.245</li> <li>• <b>Internal:</b> 10.1.20.245</li> <li>• <b>External:</b> 10.1.10.245</li> </ul> | admin/admin         |
| bigip02                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Management:</b> 10.1.1.246</li> <li>• <b>Internal:</b> 10.1.20.246</li> <li>• <b>External:</b> 10.1.10.246</li> </ul> | admin/admin         |
| Ubuntu Linux Workstation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>eth0:</b> 10.1.1.51</li> <li>• <b>eth1:</b> 10.1.10.51</li> </ul>                                                     | f5student/f5DEMOs4u |
| Kali Linux Workstation   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>eth0:</b> 10.1.10.60</li> </ul>                                                                                       | root/f5DEMOs4u      |

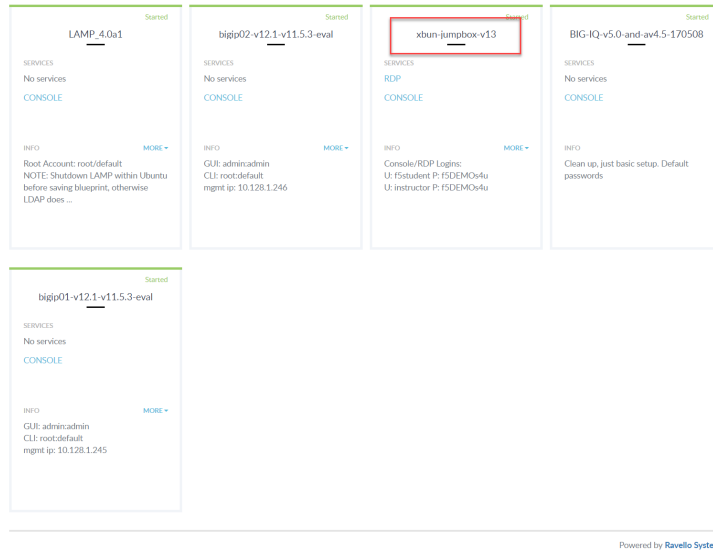
### 8.1.3 Accessing Lab Environment

Please follow the instructions below to access the lab environment.

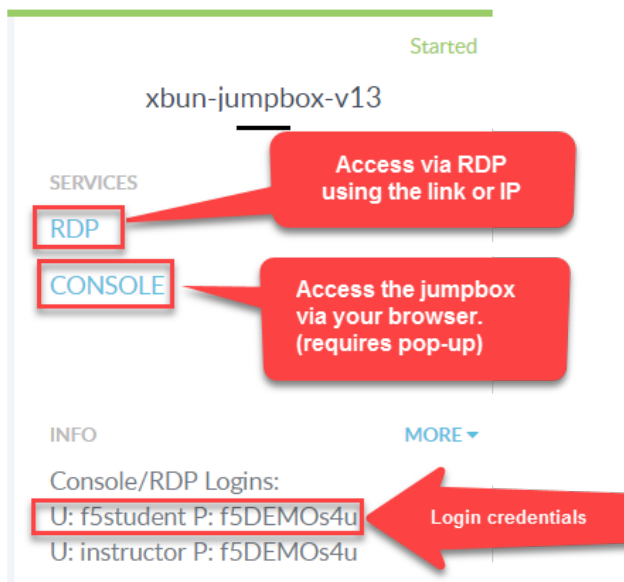
1. Open a browser and go to <http://training.f5agility.com/>



2. Use the class number and student number included on the class survey to login to the training portal. Once logged in:
  - (a) Look for the **xubuntu-jumpbox-vxx**. You will use the Xubuntu Jumpbox for all the labs. (see below)



- (b) You can click on **RDP** to RDP to the Xubuntu Jumpbox, or you can select the **CONSOLE** link and access the jumpbox via your browser. **The CONSOLE link requires you turn off pop-up blockers.**



## 8.2 Base Configuration and Traffic Baseline

In this module, we will configure the base DoS profile and Local Traffic Manager objects used in the remaining modules. Additionally, you will generate traffic needed for Advanced Web Application Firewall Behavioral DoS engine to build a learning baseline.

### Objectives:

- Create DoS Profile
- Create Logging Profile and attach to virtual server
- Create iRule for inserting X-Forwarded-For headers and attach to virtual server

- Generate good traffic to establish BaDOS baseline
- Verify BaDOS learning status

**Attention:** In this lab, you will configure a number of options to get the lab started. In modules 3 and 4 we will spend time examining the configuration options in more detail. For now, just configure the options as outlined, and we will examine further in later modules.

## 8.2.1 Set up the DoS profile

In the section you will create a DoS profile with **Behavioral Detection and Analysis** enabled, and attach the DoS profile to the virtual server.

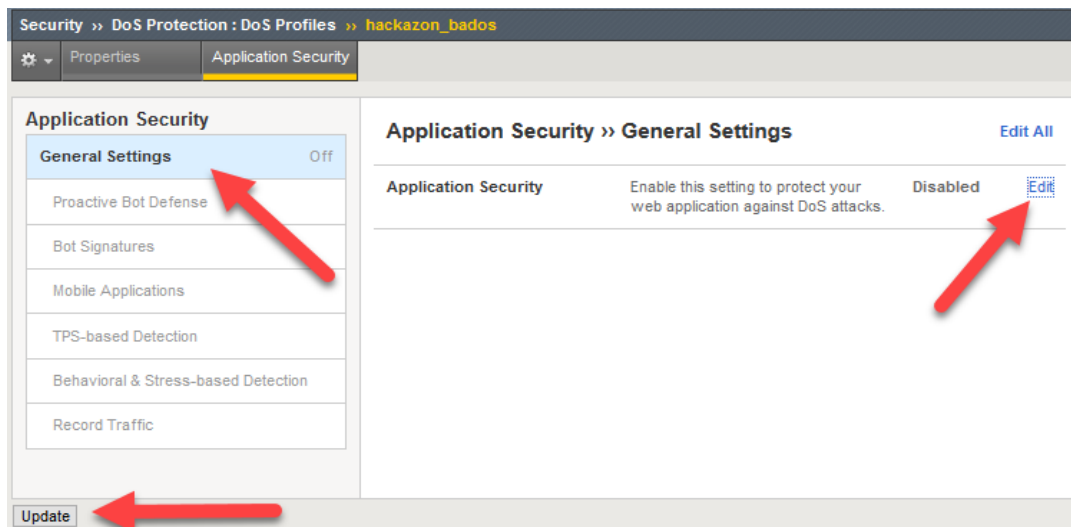
1. Using Chromium Browser on the Xubuntu Jumpbox, open a tab to the GUI on bigip01 (<https://10.1.1.245>).
2. Navigate to **Security » DoS Protection : DoS Profiles**
3. Select **Create**. Name your profile **hackazon\_bados** and select **Finished**. Open your **hackazon\_bados** DoS profile.
4. Select the **Application Security** tab from DoS Profile navigation bar.

The screenshot displays the configuration page for the 'hackazon\_bados' DoS profile. The breadcrumb navigation at the top reads 'Security » DoS Protection : DoS Profiles » hackazon\_bados'. Below this, there are two tabs: 'Properties' and 'Application Security'. A red arrow points to the 'Application Security' tab. The 'Properties' section contains a table with the following fields: Name (hackazon\_bados), Partition (Common), Description (empty text box), and Threshold Sensitivity (Medium with a warning icon). Below the properties is a 'Whitelists' section with two rows: 'Default Whitelist' set to 'Address List' and 'HTTP Whitelist' set to 'Use Default'. At the bottom of the whitelists section are 'Update' and 'Delete' buttons. On the right side of the page, there is a 'Shared Objects' panel with a search bar 'Filter Shared Objects' and a section titled 'Address Lists (0)' with a plus icon to add more.

5. Click **General Settings**, select **Edit** to the right of **Application Security** in the rightmost panel, and check the **Enable** box.

This will activate the other sections of the DoS profile.





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**Tip:** At any point you can save your changes by hitting the **Update** button in the lower left-hand corner

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6. Select the **Bot Signatures** section, then select the **Edit** link to the right of **Bot Signature Check**, and check the **Enabled** box.

Select **Edit** next to **Bot Signature Categories** then change both the **Malicious Categories** and **Benign Categories** to **Report**. This step is necessary because the tools used to generate baseline and attack traffic in this lab will both be categorized as bots.

Security » DoS Protection : DoS Profiles » **hackazon\_bados**

⚙️ Properties Application Security

### Application Security

- General Settings ✓
- Proactive Bot Defense Off
- Bot Signatures ✓**
- Mobile Applications Off
- TPS-based Detection ✓
- Behavioral & Stress-based Detection Off
- Record Traffic Off

### Application Security » Bot Signatures [Edit All](#)

This feature automatically detects well known bots according to their HTTP characteristics. Malicious bots can be configured to be blocked, while benign bots can be configured to pass through the anti-bot defense mechanisms.

|                          |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bot Signature Check      | When enabled, bot signatures are checked. This allows well-known bots to be detected. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Enabled</b> <a href="#">Close</a> <p><i>This feature will not be fully operational since the DNS Resolver List is empty. To add one, navigate to Network » DNS Resolvers : DNS Resolver List.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Bot Signature Categories | Specifies the action for each bot signature category.                                 | <div> Malicious Categories: <b>Report</b> <a href="#">Close</a> </div> <div> / Common <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOS Tool <b>Report</b></li> <li>E-Mail Collector <b>Report</b></li> <li>Exploit Tool <b>Report</b></li> <li>Network Scanner <b>Report</b></li> <li>Spam Bot <b>Report</b></li> <li>Spyware <b>Report</b></li> <li>Vulnerability Scanner <b>Report</b></li> <li>Web Spider <b>Report</b></li> <li>Webserver Stress Tool <b>Report</b></li> </ul> </div> <div> Benign Categories: <b>Report</b> <a href="#">Close</a> </div> <div> / Common </div> |

**Attention:** The message in red below the **Enabled** box indicates a DNS Resolver has not been set up. The DNS resolver is used to perform DNS reverse lookups as part of bot identity validation, but is not relevant for this lab exercise.

7. Select **TPS-base DoS Detection** and change **Operation Mode** to **Off**.

### Application Security

- General Settings ✓
- Proactive Bot Defense Off
- Bot Signatures ✓
- Mobile Applications Off
- TPS-based Detection Off**
- Behavioral & Stress-based Detection Off

### Application Security » TPS-based DoS Detection [Edit All](#)

This section configures the detection of DoS attacks based on high volume of incoming traffic.

|                 |                                                            |                                    |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Operation Mode  | Specifies how the system reacts when it detects an attack. | <b>Off</b> <a href="#">Close</a>   |
| Thresholds Mode | Specifies what type of thresholds to use.                  | <b>Manual</b> <a href="#">Edit</a> |

8. Select **Behavioral & Stress-based Detection** and change **Operation Mode** to **Blocking**.
  - (a) Set the **Thresholds Mode** to **Automatic**.
  - (b) Under **Stress-based Detection and Mitigation** edit **By SourceIP** and uncheck **Request Blocking**. Under **By URL** uncheck **Heavy URL Protection** and **Request Blocking**.
  - (c) Under **Behavioral Detection and Mitigation** check the **Request signatures detection** and set the **Mitigation** to **Standard**. For now, please leave **bad actors detection** unchecked.
  - (d) Click **Update** in the lower left-hand corner. Collapse all the sections, and **Behavioral & Stress-based Detection** should match the figure below.

| Application Security » Behavioral & Stress-based (D)DoS Detection <span>Edit All</span>                                                                                             |                                                                                                    |                                                                                    |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| This section configures the detection of DoS attacks based on server stress.<br>The system automatically detects an increase in server stress and mitigates DoS attacks causing it. |                                                                                                    |                                                                                    |             |
| <b>Operation Mode</b>                                                                                                                                                               | Specifies how the system reacts when it detects an attack.                                         | <b>Blocking</b>                                                                    | <a>Edit</a> |
| <b>Thresholds Mode</b>                                                                                                                                                              | Specifies what type of thresholds to use.                                                          | <b>Automatic</b>                                                                   | <a>Edit</a> |
| <b>Stress-based Detection and Mitigation</b>                                                                                                                                        | By Source IP                                                                                       | No mitigation                                                                      | <a>Edit</a> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | By Device ID                                                                                       | No mitigation                                                                      | <a>Edit</a> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | By Geolocation                                                                                     | No mitigation                                                                      | <a>Edit</a> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | By URL                                                                                             | No mitigation                                                                      | <a>Edit</a> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     | Site Wide                                                                                          | No mitigation                                                                      | <a>Edit</a> |
| <b>Behavioral Detection and Mitigation</b>                                                                                                                                          | By Bad Actors Behavior / Signatures                                                                | Bad Actors & Signatures: <b>Standard protection *</b>                              | <a>Edit</a> |
| <b>Prevention Duration</b>                                                                                                                                                          | Specifies the time spent in each mitigation step until it is stopped, and the next one is started. | Escalation Period: <b>120 seconds</b><br>De-escalation Period: <b>7200 seconds</b> | <a>Edit</a> |

## 8.2.2 Create a DoS Logging Profile

Logging profiles are required to enable local and remote logging for Application DoS and Bot events. In this lab, we will use local logging to review events. Below are the steps to configure the logging profile and attach to your test virtual server.

1. Go to **Security » Event Logs : Logging Profiles** and click **Create** on right-hand side of the configuration screen. Name your profile **i7\_dos\_bot\_logger** then check the **DoS Protection** and **Bot Defense** enable boxes.
2. From the **DoS Protection** tab enable the **Local Publisher**.
3. From the **Bot Defense** tab check ALL the boxes.
4. Click **Finished**.

Security » Event Logs : Logging Profiles » Create New Logging Profile...

**Logging Profile Properties** Cancel Finished

|                      |                                             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Profile Name         | i7_dos_bot_logger                           |
| Description          |                                             |
| Application Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Enabled            |
| Protocol Security    | <input type="checkbox"/> Enabled            |
| Network Firewall     | <input type="checkbox"/> Enabled            |
| DoS Protection       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled |
| Bot Defense          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled |

DoS Protection Bot Defense

**Request Log**

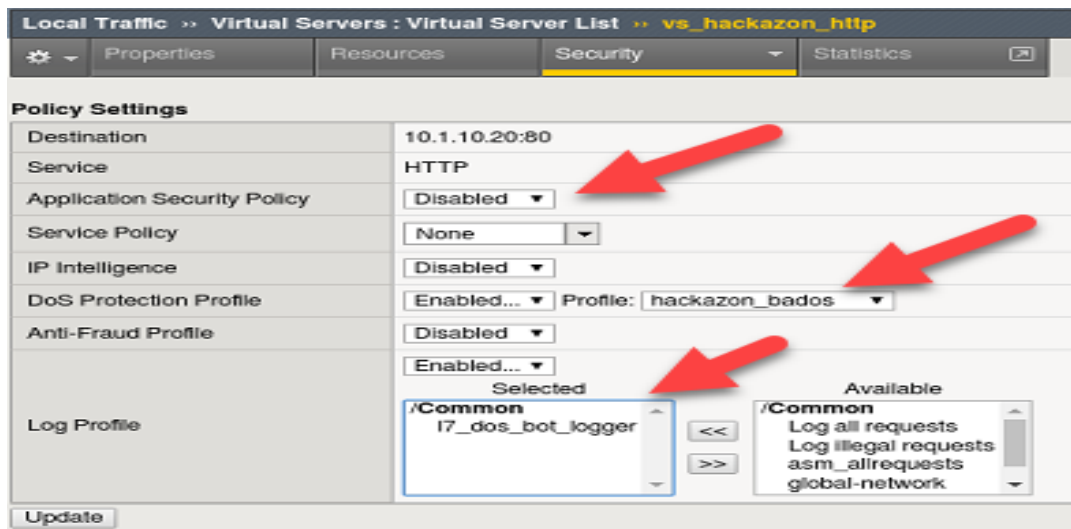
|                                    |                                             |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Local Publisher                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled |
| Remote Publisher                   | none                                        |
| Log Illegal Requests               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled |
| Log Captcha Challenged Requests    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled |
| Log Challenged Requests            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled |
| Log Bot Signature Matched Requests | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled |
| Log Legal Requests                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled |

Cancel Finished

### 8.2.3 Add the DoS profile to a virtual server

Below are the steps to associate this profile with the Local Traffic Manager virtual server processing the application traffic in this lab.

1. Navigate to **Local Traffic > Virtual Servers > Virtual Server List** and select **vs\_hackazon\_http**. Under the **Security** tab on the top bar select **Policies**.
2. Enable the **DoS Protection Profile** and select the **hackazon\_bados** profile.
3. Add **i7\_dos\_bot\_logger** to the **Log Profile** and **Update**
4. For purposes of this lab, **Disable** the **Application Security Policy** and remove **asm\_allrequests** from the **Log Profile**.



## 8.2.4 Create XFF-Mixed\_Attacker iRule

Because we do not have dozens of good and bad source IPs available for clients and attackers in this environment, we simulate them by adding an iRule to the virtual server. The iRule adds a randomized X-Forwarded-For (XFF) header to each request.

1. Navigate to **Local Traffic >> iRules : iRule List** and select **Create**. Name a new iRule named **XFF\_mixed\_Attacker\_Good\_iRule**. Copy and paste the iRule below.

```

1  when HTTP_REQUEST {
2      # Good traffic
3      if { [IP::addr [IP::client_addr] equals 10.1.10.52] } {
4          set xff 153.172.223.[expr int(rand()*100)]
5          HTTP::header insert X-Forwarded-For $xff
6      }
7
8      # Attack traffic
9      if { [IP::addr [IP::client_addr] equals 10.1.10.53] } {
10         set xff 132.173.99.[expr int(rand()*25)]
11         HTTP::header insert X-Forwarded-For $xff
12     }
13 }

```

Advanced Web Application Firewall/Application Security Manager will honor the X-Forwarded-For header by enabling this in the http profile.

## 8.2.5 Create HTTP Profile to Accept X-Forwarded-For HTTP Header

1. Navigate to **Local Traffic >> Profiles : Services : HTTP** and click **Create**. Name the new http profile **xff\_http**, and click the rightmost checkbox in the row **Accept XFF** to enable a custom setting, then click the checkbox to the immediate right of **Accept XFF** to enable processing of an inbound X-Forwarded-For header.
2. Click **Finished** button at bottom of configuration page.

**Tip:** Due to a large number of service profiles, occasionally part of the Services menu will get stuck

under the browser menu. If that happens, click on **Profiles** on the side-bar, then click **Services** in the top navigation bar to get to the HTTP profile.

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## 8.2.6 Attach iRule and HTTP Profile to Local Traffic Manager Virtual Server

1. Navigate to the **vs\_hackazon\_http** virtual server. In the **Properties** tab, under **Configuration** section, select **xff\_http** for the **HTTP Profile**.
2. Click the **Resources** tab in the virtual server navigation bar, in the **iRules** section select the **Manage** button, and move the **XFF\_mixed\_Attacker\_Good\_iRule** from the **Available** to the **Enabled** box.
3. Click **Finished** button at bottom of the Resource Management page.

## 8.2.7 Generate Traffic to Establish Baseline

Advanced Web Application Firewall's Behavioral DoS feature is based on learning and analyzing all traffic to the web application, building baselines, and then identifying anomalies when server stress is detected. As a result, in this lab, we need to generate normal traffic allowing Advanced Web Application Firewall to build a baseline.

You will use the Xubuntu Jumpbox to generate legitimate traffic and bad traffic, eth1 has 10.1.10.51-55 configured and 10.1.10.52 will be the source-IP used for the good traffic script. The source IP will match XFF\_mixed\_Attacker\_Good\_iRule created above, and an X-Forwarded-For header will be placed in the HTTP request in the 153.172.223.0/24 IP address range.

In the home directory (/home/f5student) on the Xubuntu Jumpbox, you will find the two scripts used for this lab:

- **baseline\_menu.sh** - is used to create baseline traffic
- **AB\_DOS.sh** - is used to launch L7 DOS attacks

1. Start baseline traffic, using Xubuntu Jumpbox Terminal application, navigate to the home directory, then type:

```
f5student@xjumpbox~$ ./baseline_menu.sh  
- Select option 2 **alternate** and keep it running in the window
```

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**Tip:** This is your valid traffic, and the number of requests will change over time. The requests also change as the script continuously alters the User-Agent header and the requested URI. Both values are randomly taken from files in the "source" directory in the home directory.

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2. Next, validate you are seeing the traffic, and Advanced Web Application Firewall is actively building learning baselines. From a separate Terminal window type:

```
f5student@xjumpbox$ ssh root@10.1.1.245
```

Then, run the following command:

```
[root@bigipo01:Active:Standalone] config # admd -s vs./Common/vs_hackazon_  
↳http+/Common/hackazon_bados.info.learning  
- /Common/vs_hackazon_http - is the name of the virtual server
```

```
- /Common/hackazon_bados - is the name of the DoS profile.  
**It may take several minutes for baseline numbers to be generated**
```

Screenshot of sample output below:



**Tip:** If you aren't getting any output, or seeing no signs of accumulated signals, verify the name of the virtual server and profile in the admd command are accurate.

1. **baseline\_learning\_confidence:**

- **Description:** in % how confident the system is in the baseline learning.
- **Desired Value:** > 90%

2. **learned\_bins\_count:**

- **Description:** number of learned bins
- **Desired Value:** > 0

3. **good\_table\_size:**

- **Description:** number of learned requests
- **Desired Value:** > 2000

4. **good\_table\_confidence:**

- **Description:** how confident, as %, the system is in the good table
- **Desired Value:** Must be 100 for signatures

**Note:** It may take 5 or more minutes before you begin to get learned baseline numbers. Also, the desired values are the minimum values we would like to see prior to triggering attacks as part of this lab exercise. You can, however, move onto module 3 and 4 in this lab while baselines are being established. **Do not stop baseline traffic script**

To see all of the values available and wide range of interesting statistics, enter the following command from BIG-IP console:

```
admd -s vs./Common/vs_hackazon_http
```

To view Advanced Web Application Firewall layer 7 DoS log, enter the following command from BIG-IP console:

```
tail -f /var/log/dosl7/dosl7d.log
```

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**Note:** The goal of this module is to explain DoS profile configuration options. The module does not contain any exercises. If you are already familiar with the settings in an Application Security DoS profile you can skip to module 4.

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## 8.3 Application Security DoS Profiles

In this module, we will review the various settings and options that make up a layer 7 DoS profile. We will not review each and every setting, leaving that exercise up to the reader, but instead will focus on key settings which will most likely require attention during a production deployment. More detail on each individual setting can be found by viewing the **Help** on left side of the BIG-IP Configuration Utility (GUI).

### 8.3.1 Review DoS Profile General Settings

Navigate to **Security » DoS Protection » DoS Profiles** and click the DoS profile **hackazon\_bados** created earlier for this module.

Settings in this screen are profile wide, and can affect all aspects of the dos configuration.



Application Security

General Settings

Proactive Bot Defense

Bot Signatures

Mobile Applications

TPS-based Detection

Behavioral & Stress-based Detection

Record Traffic

Application Security » General Settings

|                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                 |   |      |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------|
| Application Security     | Enable this setting to protect your web application against DoS attacks.                                                                                                                                                                 | Enabled                                                                                                         | 1 | Edit |
| Heavy URL Protection     | Configure Heavy URL include list, automatic detection, and exclude list                                                                                                                                                                  | Automatic Detection: Enabled (Threshold: 1000 ms)<br>Heavy URLs: Not configured<br>Ignored URLs: Not configured | 2 | Edit |
| Geolocations             | Overrides the DoS profile's Geolocation Detection Criteria threshold settings by selecting countries from which to allow or block traffic during a DoS attack.                                                                           | Not configured                                                                                                  | 3 | Edit |
| CAPTCHA Response         | Customize the CAPTCHA page users see during DoS events.                                                                                                                                                                                  | First Response Type: Default<br>Failure Response Type: Default                                                  |   | Edit |
| Trigger iRule            | Enable this setting if you have an iRule that manages DoS events in a customized manner.                                                                                                                                                 | Enabled                                                                                                         |   | Edit |
| Single Page Application  | Enable this setting if your website is a Single Page Application.                                                                                                                                                                        | Enabled                                                                                                         | 4 | Edit |
| URL Patterns             | Configure URL patterns to be used. Each URL pattern defines a set of URLs which are logically the same URL with the varying part of the pattern acting as a parameter.<br>Example: /product/*php                                         | Not configured                                                                                                  | 5 | Edit |
| Traffic Scrubbing        | Specifies whether to enable Traffic Scrubbing during attacks by advertising BGP routes. This requires configuration of the Scrubber Profile, and will function even when the Operation Mode is set to Transparent.                       | Disabled                                                                                                        |   | Edit |
| RTBH                     | Specifies whether to enable Remote Triggered Black Hole (RTBH) of attacking IPs by advertising BGP routes. This requires configuration of the Blacklist Publisher, and will function even when the Operation Mode is set to Transparent. | Disabled                                                                                                        |   | Edit |
| Performance acceleration | Configure TCP fastL4 profile to be used as fast-path for acceleration                                                                                                                                                                    | Disabled                                                                                                        |   | Edit |

## 1. Application Security

This setting enables or disables the DoS profile.

## 2. Heavy URL Protection

Heavy URL's are application resources which may consume more backend resources with each client request. Additionally, URLs which are not generally considered heavy may become heavy under significant load or attack. As a result, low rate requests targeting these URLs can cause significant DoS attacks, and be difficult to differentiate from legitimate requirements based on rate alone. Advanced Web Application Firewall automatically detects heavy URLs by measuring the latency tail ratio, which is the number of transactions whose latency is consistently greater than the latency threshold defined in this configuration option. A URL is considered heavy if its latency is more than two times the site global average over a 24 hour (default) period.

**Heavy URL Protection**

Configure Heavy URL include list, automatic detection, and exclude list

☒ A URL is considered heavy if its portion of transactions with latency above this threshold is higher than usual for this site.  ms Close

1

Configure a list of Heavy URLs to protect, in addition to the automatically detected ones.

URL (Example: /query.html)

Threshold (requests per sec)

Add

2

Delete

3

Configure a list of URLs which are excluded from being automatically detected as Heavy URLs (Wildcard supported).

URL (Example: /product/\*)

Add

Delete

1. Checkbox, enables or disables, automatic detection of the heavy URLs profile-wide. The text box allows for configuration of the baseline threshold that URLs must exceed before being considered for heavy URL determination.
2. This section of the DoS Profile Heavy URL configuration allows an administrator to explicitly configure a URL(s) as heavy, whether it is detected as heavy by Advanced Web Application Firewall or not. Use this section to define application resources which are known to be heavier in terms of resource consumption, or known to be less resilient to higher volumes of traffic than the rest of the application.
3. This section of the Dos Profile Heavy URL configuration allows an administrator to explicitly configure URL(s) and wildcard URL patterns to be excluded from automatic heavy URL detection. Use this section, to identify URL's which you know may perform slower than average under normal conditions, or URLs you do not wish to have Advanced Web Application Firewall offering heavy URL protection.

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**Note:** To provide mitigation for heavy URLs, you must enable at least one of the URL-based prevention policy methods in the TPS or Stress-based Anomaly sections of the DoS profile.

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3. **Geolocations** Geolocations provides options to override the dos profile geolocation detection criteria by explicitly whitelisting or blacklisting specific geolocations.

| Geolocations | Overrides the DoS profile's Geolocation Detection Criteria threshold settings by selecting countries from which to allow or block traffic during a DoS attack. | Geolocation Blacklist: | Available Geolocations:                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Geolocation Whitelist: | Close |
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|              |                                                                                                                                                                |                        | <div> <div>&lt;&lt;</div> <div>&gt;&gt;</div> <div> Afghanistan<br/> Aland Islands<br/> Albania<br/> Algeria<br/> American Samoa<br/> Andorra<br/> Angola<br/> Anguilla<br/> Antarctica<br/> Antigua and Barbuda </div> </div> |                        |       |

4. **Single Page Application** Single Page Applications (SPA) represent a change in application architecture that moves much of the content rendering and routing to client-side code. Application requests which require server-side processing are sent as AJAX requests towards server, and the response is typically JSON/XML; this is different from traditional web applications that send HTTP requests, and generally leverage HTML as the predominant response content type. As a result, Advanced Web Application Firewall needs to modify the way it challenges clients for features like Proactive Bot Defense and capturing Device ID in the TPS/Stress based anomaly detections. Enabling this option modifies Advanced Web Application Firewall's challenge and challenge validation mechanisms. When deploying L7 DoS protections it is important to understand the application architecture, and if protecting a SPA, enabling this option is critical for proper operation.

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**Note:** The goal of this module is to explain the Stress-Based and Behavioral DoS configuration options. The module does not contain any exercises. If you are already familiar with a the settings you can skip to module 5.

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## 8.4 Stress-Based and Behavioral DoS Profile Settings

In this module, we will review the various settings for configuring Stress-based and Behavioral DoS protections in more detail. We will not review each and every setting, leaving that exercise up to the reader, but instead will focus on key settings which will most likely require attention during a production deployment. More detail on each individual setting can be found by viewing the **Help** on left side of the BIG-IP Configuration Utility (GUI).

### 8.4.1 Review Stress-Based Dos Profile Settings

To appreciate the powerful nature of Advanced Web Application Firewall's Behavioral DoS feature, it first makes sense to analyze one of the other L7 DoS protection mechanisms. For this exercise, we will examine the options and behaviors of the Stress-based DoS protections available in an Application Security DoS profile.

To review the settings below, navigate to **Security » DoS Protection » DoS Profiles**, click the DoS profile **hackazon\_bados** created earlier for this module, then click **Behavioral & Stress-based Detection** in the **Application Security** navigation menu, and set the **Operation Mode** to **Transparent**.

## Application Security » Behavioral & Stress-based (D)DoS Detection

[Edit All](#)

This section configures the detection of DoS attacks based on server stress.  
The system automatically detects an increase in server stress and mitigates DoS attacks causing it.

|                                       |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |             |                       |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Operation Mode                        | Specifies how the system reacts when it detects an attack.                                         | Blocking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1           | <a href="#">Close</a> |
| Thresholds Mode                       | Specifies what type of thresholds to use.                                                          | Manual                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2           | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |
| Stress-based Detection and Mitigation | By Source IP                                                                                       | Consider an IP as an attacking entity if either of the following conditions occur:<br><br>Relative Threshold: TPS increased by: 500 % and reached at least 40 transactions per second OR<br><br>Absolute Threshold: TPS reached: 200 transactions per second<br><br><a href="#">Set default criteria</a><br><br>Select mitigation methods to use on the attacking IP's:<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Client Side Integrity Defense<br><input type="checkbox"/> CAPTCHA Challenge<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request Blocking / Rate Limit | 3<br>4<br>5 | <a href="#">Close</a> |
|                                       | By Device ID                                                                                       | No mitigation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |             | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |
|                                       | By Geolocation                                                                                     | No mitigation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |             | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |
|                                       | By URL                                                                                             | Mitigation: Request Blocking (Rate Limit)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |             | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |
|                                       | Site Wide                                                                                          | No mitigation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |             | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |
| Behavioral Detection and Mitigation   | By Bad Actors Behavior / Signatures                                                                | Disabled                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |             | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |
| Prevention Duration                   | Specifies the time spent in each mitigation step until it is stopped, and the next one is started. | Escalation Period: 120 seconds<br>De-escalation Period: 7200 seconds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6           | <a href="#">Edit</a>  |

1. **Operation Mode** Defines the operational mode for the stress-based dos protection feature. Available options include: Blocking, Transparent, Off. Blocking means feature will detect, report, and mitigate. Transparent means feature will detect, report, but will not mitigate. Off means the feature is disabled.
2. **Threshold Mode** Defines how Advanced Web Application Firewall derives thresholds to be used in detecting the TPS component of a stress-based attack. Options include:
  - **Manual:** Administrator explicitly configures TPS and percentage thresholds based on their knowledge of the environment or specific requirements.
  - **Automatic:** Advanced Web Application Firewall monitors traffic rates automatically and calculates the thresholds based on normal traffic volume to the application.
3. **Stress-based Detection Options** Advanced Web Application Firewall can trigger an attack if any/all of the following detection methods exceed the thresholds defined or calculated for the detection method:
  - **By Source IP:** A specific source IP has exceeded the thresholds defined in the detection thresholds.
  - **By Device ID:** A specific device has exceeded the thresholds defined in the detection thresholds. Device ID is ASM calculating a fingerprint for a given device. The feature requires Javascript injection for proper operation. However, the feature offers the benefit of detecting a specific

device, even if the attack varies its source IP address.

- **By Geolocation:** A country/geolocation has exceeded the thresholds defined in the detection thresholds.
- **By URL:** Request traffic to a specific (or set of) URL's identified in URL patterns section of the DoS Profile General Properties) has exceeded the thresholds defined in the detection thresholds.
- **Site Wide:** Request traffic to the entire web site has exceeded the thresholds defined in the detection thresholds, **and** an attack has not been detected using any of the other detection criteria. Site-wide is considered last resort.

**Note:** It is important to understand that while stress-based protections are monitoring server latency, and tracking application request volume in short and long term intervals, the detection methods listed above are the only ways to identify when an attack is on-going. This, as you will see, is quite a bit different than the way Advanced Web Application Firewall Behavioral DoS feature identifies attacks and attackers!

## 8.4.2 Review Behavioral DoS Settings

Having reviewed the options for configuring Stress-based dos mitigation, now let's examine the options required for configuring Advanced Web Application Firewall's Behavioral DOS mitigations.

| Behavioral & Stress-based Detection | Stress-based Detection and Mitigation                          |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Record Traffic: Off                 | By Source IP: Mitigation: Request Blocking (Rate Limit) [Edit] |
|                                     | By Device ID: No mitigation [Edit]                             |
|                                     | By Geolocation: No mitigation [Edit]                           |
|                                     | By URL: Mitigation: Request Blocking (Rate Limit) [Edit]       |
|                                     | Site Wide: No mitigation [Edit]                                |

| Behavioral Detection and Mitigation                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| By Bad Actors Behavior / Signatures                                                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bad actors behavior detection<br>Enables traffic behavior, server's capacity learning, and anomaly detection. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request signatures detection<br>Enables signatures detection                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use approved signatures only                                                                                  |
| Mitigation: No mitigation<br>Learns and monitors traffic behavior, but no action is taken.                                             |

1. **Bad Actors Behavior Detection** Determines whether Behavioral DoS engine tracks and attempts to identify the bad actors contributing to a given set of malicious traffic. When Bad Actor Behavior Detection is enabled, once Advanced Web Application Firewall detects server stress and identifies a set of malicious traffic contributing to the server stress, the Behavioral DoS engine then attempts to identify what source IP addresses are generating the malicious traffic, and what percentage of malicious traffic a given bad actor is contributing. Bad actors, are mitigated at transport layer via slowdown mitigation techniques, and the rate at which they are mitigated is directly related to their percentage of contribution to the malicious traffic set, and the mitigation mode selected.

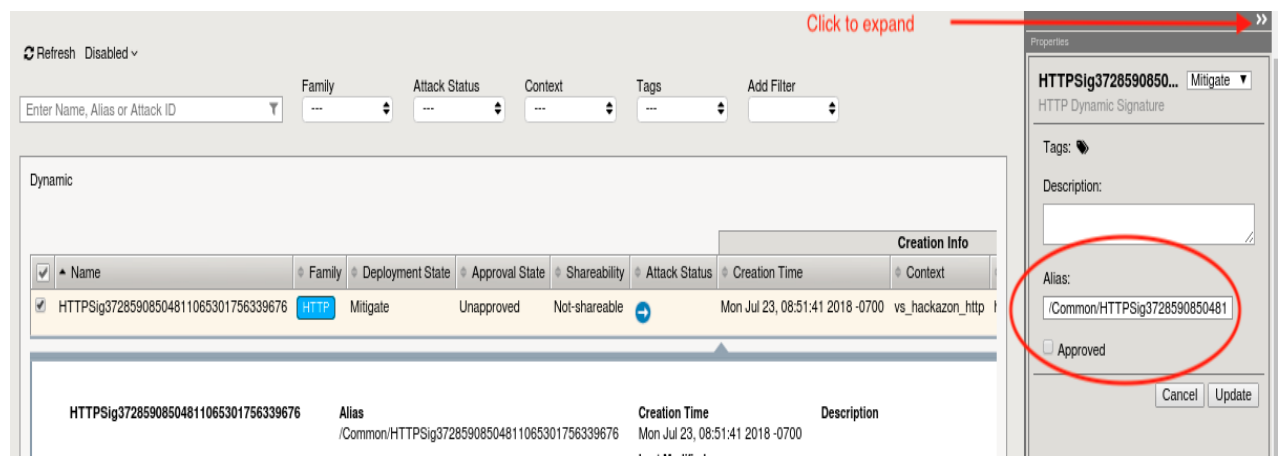
2. **Request Signature Detection** Determines whether Behavioral DoS engine will attempt to generate a traffic signature to block anomalous traffic. Advanced Web Application Firewall Behavioral DoS feature is in a permanent learning state, always tracking application requests, and the construction of these requests, and then comparing to an evolving baseline. When Request Signatures Detection is enabled, once Advanced Web Application Firewall detects server stress, it looks to identify traffic characteristics which have deviated from the baseline. If there are deviating characteristics, the Behavioral DoS engine, then dynamically generates a signature based on these deviating characteristics to block anomalous traffic.

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**Note:** In addition to generating signatures the Behavioral DoS Engine also continually evaluates the signature for efficacy, minimizing the risk of signature becoming false positive and blocking known good traffic.

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3. **Use Approved Signatures Only** By default, when Request Signatures Detection is enabled, Advanced Web Application Firewall will generate and use dynamically generated attack signatures as defined by the mitigation mode selection. By enabling this option, the administrator overrides this behavior, and forces a manual step to review and approve the signature prior to any mitigations taking effect. Signatures can be reviewed from Advanced Web Application Firewall GUI via **Security -> DoS Protection -> Signatures**.



Once a signature has been approved, the Signature Approval State for the signature will change to "Manually-approved". When approved signatures only is selected, only signatures which have been approved will be active.

4. **Mitigation** Defines the mitigation mode for Advanced Web Application Firewall Behavioral DoS. Options include:
- **No Mitigation:**
    - Monitors traffic, generates signatures, and identifies bad actors, but does not perform any mitigation.
  - **Conservative Protection:**
    - If Bad Actors Behavior Detection is enabled, slows down bad identified bad actors.
    - If Request Signatures Detection is enabled, blocks requests that match attack signatures
  - **Standard Protection:**
    - If Bad Actors Behavior Detection is enabled, slows down bad identified bad actors.
    - If Request Signatures Detection is enabled, blocks requests that match attack signatures

- Rate limits all requests based on server health
- Limits the number of concurrent connections from bad actor IP addresses
- If necessary, limits the number of all concurrent connections based on server health
- **Aggressive Protection:**
  - If Bad Actors Behavior Detection is enabled, slows down bad identified bad actors.
  - If Request Signatures Detection is enabled, blocks requests that match attack signatures
  - Rate limits all requests based on server health
  - Limits the number of concurrent connections from bad actor IP addresses
  - If necessary, limits the number of all concurrent connections based on server health
  - **Proactively** performs all protection actions, even before attack detection, increasing impact of protection techniques.

Advanced Web Application Firewall mitigates DoS with the most effective and efficient method available, and as quickly as possible to restore server health. Meaning, the mitigation method will often change over time as more data is learned and analyzed. For example, at the onset of an attack, Advanced Web Application Firewall may apply global rate limiting in an attempt to mitigate an onslaught of traffic. Then, as the signature engine has observed enough traffic to identify malicious traffic and generate a signature, the Behavioral DoS engine will begin mitigating with request signatures and discontinue global rate limiting. Finally, as bad actors are identified, traffic from those sources is mitigated using layer four slowdown mechanisms, and request signatures are only used for traffic matching the signature and not in the bad actor list. This approach allows Advanced Web Application Firewall to perform better under attack, and minimizes the risk of blocking good traffic while mitigating DoS.

### 8.4.3 Summarizing Key Points

After reviewing several options for both Stress-based and Behavioral DoS features, the goal of this section is to call out some key points which might be overlooked when reviewing configuration options:

- All DoS features are complementary to Advanced Web Application Firewall web application firewall (WAF) and bot protection features. DoS features mitigate traffic that exceeds a certain rate or induces server-side stress. This traffic is, many times, completely legitimate traffic which will not trigger a WAF block.
- Heavy URL, TPS-based DoS, Stress-based DoS, and Behavioral DoS features can all be configured concurrently, complementing one another, or separate and independent of one another.
- Both Stress-based and Behavioral DoS protection features continually monitor application server performance for signs of server stress. Both features will consider server stress as a key component in detecting an attack, and neither will trigger a mitigation if the server is perceived to be healthy.
- Stress-based and TPS based DoS features can detect DoS attacks across a pre-defined set of detection criteria (source IP, URL, device ID, geolocation, site). Behavioral DoS is not constrained to a pre-defined set of detection criteria, but instead is a self adjusting dynamic DoS defense system which can detect DoS across hundreds of traffic predicates. As a result, Behavioral DoS, is much more effective in mitigating multi-vector layer seven DoS attacks which mutate over time. Conversely, TPS and/or Stress-based DoS features are much better at defining specific rate limits for traffic entering your application.



## 8.5 Request Signatures

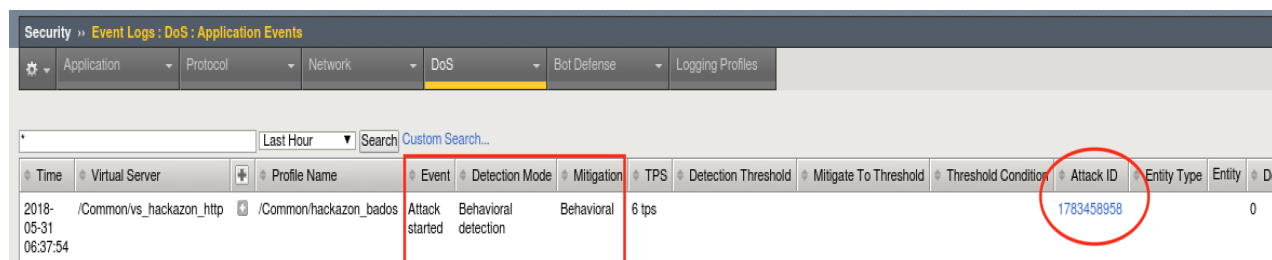
In this module you will be initiating a L7 DDoS attack on the hackazon virtual server, from eth1, using 10.1.10.53 as the source IP address. This source IP will match XFF\_mixed\_Attacker\_Good\_iRule, and an X-Forward-For header will be inserted in the HTTP request in the 132.173.99.0/24 IP address range.

Once the attack begins the BIG-IP WAF (ASM) will immediately switch into attack mode due to the server health deteriorating almost immediately. As the server gets totally overwhelmed, you may at first notice the good script dropping requests. *That's why BaDoS first mitigates with a global rate limit just to protect the server.* In a short time, the good script will go back to all 200 OK responses. During this time Behavioral DoS identifies anomalous traffic and generates **Dynamic Signatures** matching only the malicious traffic. Once mitigation is in effect, the server health will rapidly improve and application performance will return to normal.

1. Using Chromium Browser on the Xubuntu Jumpbox, open tab to the GUI on bigip01 (<https://10.1.1.245>)
2. Navigate to **Security » DoS Protection:Signatures** and click on the **Dynamic** box, then set the **Refresh** value to **20 secs**.
3. Open another tab/window in Chromium Browser, and go to **Security »Reporting : DoS : Dashboard**. The dashboard is NOT real time in may take up to 10 minutes for traffic to display.
4. Revisit the Terminal window you opened earlier which is monitoring behavioral DoS learning signals. Verify the first number (baseline\_learning\_confidence) is at or above 80%. Normally, above 90% would be ideal, but for the purposes of this lab over 80% will suffice.
5. Revisit the Terminal window you opened earlier which is still running the baseline traffic generation script. Make note of the normal, pre-attack, response time for each request.
6. From Xubuntu Jumpbox open a NEW Terminal window. From your home directory enter:

```
f5student@xjumpbox~$ ./AB_DOS.sh  
- Select **2** - Attack start - score
```

7. Using Chromium Browser on the Xubuntu Jumpbox, open another tab to the GUI on bigip01, and navigate to **Security » Event Logs » DoS » Application Events**
8. Almost immediately you should see an attack has started, and Advanced Web Application Firewall has assigned an Attack ID to the event. You will see something similar to the screenshot below:



| Time                | Virtual Server           | Profile Name           | Event          | Detection Mode       | Mitigation | TPS   | Detection Threshold | Mitigate To Threshold | Threshold Condition | Attack ID  | Entity Type | Entity | De |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|--------|----|
| 2018-05-31 06:37:54 | /Common/vs_hackazon_http | /Common/hackazon_bados | Attack started | Behavioral detection | Behavioral | 6 tps |                     |                       |                     | 1783458958 |             |        | 0  |

9. Review the **Dyanmic Signatures** UI page opened in step #2. It might take a few moments for a dynamic signature(s) to generate, but shortly after the attack has been detected a signature should be created. Once a signature(s) is generated, if you click on the signature (NOT on the blue link, but somewhere on the signature bar), you will get the details about the signature in Wireshark format. Also, you can examine the current status of the signature (mitigating or not), and statistics on recent attacks which used the signature.



Security » DoS Protection : Signatures

Refresh Disabled

Enter Name, Alias or Attack ID

Family: --- Attack Status: --- Context: --- Tags: --- Add Filter: ---

Dynamic

| Name                                               | Family | Deployment State | Approval State | Shareability  | Attack Status | Creation Time                   | Context          | Profile        |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <a href="#">TPSig37285908504811065301783458959</a> | HTTP   | Mitigate         | Unapproved     | Not-shareable |               | Thu May 31, 07:11:13 2018 -0700 | vs_hackazon_http | hackazon_bados |

**Creation Info**

Alias: /Common/TPSig37285908504811065301783458959

Creation Time: Thu May 31, 07:11:13 2018 -0700

Last Modified: Thu May 31, 07:11:13 2018 -0700

**Predicates String**

http.x\_forwarded\_for\_header\_exists eq true ) and ( http.accept\_encoding\_header\_exists eq true ) and ( http.pragma\_header\_exists eq true ) and ( http.host\_header\_exists eq true ) and ( http.unknown\_header\_exists eq true ) and ( http.uri\_len between 0-15 ) and ( http.accept\_header\_exists eq true ) and ( http.uri\_parameters eq no-query ) and ( http.headers\_count eq 11 ) and ( http.referer\_header\_exists eq true ) and ( http.referer\_header\_value eq http://10.0.2.1/none.html ) and ( http.cache\_control hashes-to 14 ) and ( http.cache\_control\_header\_exists eq true ) and ( http.referer hashes-like http://10.0.2.1/none.html ) and ( http.user\_agent\_header\_exists eq true )

**Most Recent Attacks**

| Attack ID  | Context          | Profile        | Attack Time                     | Accuracy | Detection Threshold EPS |
|------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| 1783458959 | vs_hackazon_http | hackazon_bados | Thu May 31, 07:12:41 2018 -0700 | 100%     | 0                       |

- **Signature ID:** Signature ID generated for this signature. You can use the signature ID in DoS Analysis/Dashboard views (explored in module 6) to get more details on actions taken by this signature.
- **Deployment State:** current state of the signature. Options include:
  - **Mitigate** - Collect stats, learn, alert, and mitigate. All thresholds and threshold actions are applied, and rate limiting occurs if the device is under high stress.
  - **Detect Only** - Collects stats, learn, and alert. Develops dynamic signatures without enforcing any thresholds or limits.
  - **Learn Only** - Collect stats and learn. Develops dynamic signatures without enforcing any thresholds or limits
  - **Disabled** - No stat collection or mitigation, totally disables the signature.
- **Attack Status** - the state of the signature with respect to ongoing attacks. Specifically, defines whether this particular signature is being used to mitigate an on-going attack.
- **Attack ID** - the attack ID for the attack that generated this signature. Clicking the attack ID will take you to the DoS Analysis views filtered on this attack ID.
- **Predicates List** - the conditions for the request to be associated with this signature. Includes one or more match expressions, joined by logical operators, which the system uses to match traffic causing a DoS attack.
- **Attack History** - provides an account of all attacks in which this signature has been used to mitigate.

**Note:** Dynamic Attack signatures generated will remain in the list up to the max number of sig-

natures supported, and will be will re-used whenever an attack is detected, and traffic matches the conditions defined in the signature

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10. With the attack script still running, examine the output of the baseline script. You should be getting HTTP 200 OK responses, and the response time should be inline with pre-attack response times. Also, verify you can use browse to <http://hackazon.f5demo.com> without issue.
11. In the window where you are running the attack script, enter **CTRL-C**, then type **4** to kill the attack script cleanly.
12. Using Chromium Browser, navigate to **Security » DoS Protection:Signatures** and click on the **Dynamic** box. Then click the check box next to the Name column to select all signatures, and click delete to remove all attack signatures created during this module.
13. Leave **baseline\_menu.sh** script running.

## 8.6 Bad Actor Detection

In the last module, you used request signature detection to mitigate an application layer DoS attack. You also saw the Behavioral DoS engine deploy global rate limiting to bring the servers back to health while signatures were being generated, then mitigate targeted attack traffic with the newly generated signature. In this module, we will leverage Bad Actor Detection to throttle known bad actors.

1. Navigate to **Security » DoS Protection : DoS Profiles** and click the **hackazon\_bados** profile we created earlier.
2. Click the **Application Security** tab, and then click **Behavioral & Stress-based Detection** button in the Application Security panel.
3. Click the **Edit** link to the right of the **Behavioral Detection and Mitigation** section, then check the checkbox for **Bad actors behavior detection**, and uncheck the box next to **request signatures detection**
4. Scroll down, and click the **Update** button.
5. From the Xubuntu Jumpbox open another Terminal window. Then:

```
f5student@xjumpbox$~ ssh root@10.1.1.245
```

6. From the SSH session, run the following command:

```
[root@bigipo01:Active:Standalone] config # watch ipidr -l /Common/vs_
↪hackazon_http+/Common/hackazon_bados
```

Initially, because no attack is active, the IP list will be empty. Keep this command running in one of the Terminal windows. Things are about to change!

7. Using the Terminal window on the Xubuntu Jumpbox from the previous module, or a new one, re-run the attack script using the following command:

```
f5student@xjumpbox~$ ./AB_DOS.sh

- Select **2** - Attack start - score
```

8. Using Chromium Browser on the Xubuntu Jumpbox, open another tab to the GUI on bigip01, and navigate to **Security » Event Logs » DoS » Application Events**

9. Almost immediately you should see an attack has started, and Advanced Web Application Firewall has assigned an Attack ID to the event. You will see something similar to the screenshot below:

| Time                | Virtual Server           | Profile Name           | Event          | Detection Mode       | Mitigation | TPS   | Detection Threshold | Mitigate To Threshold | Threshold Condition | Attack ID  | Entity Type | Entity | De |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|--------|----|
| 2018-05-31 06:37:54 | /Common/vs_hackazon_http | /Common/hackazon_bados | Attack started | Behavioral detection | Behavioral | 6 tps |                     |                       |                     | 1783458958 |             |        | 0  |

10. From the Terminal window started in step #6, monitor the output of the ipidr command, and the status of the IP greylist. You should see something similar to the image below:

```
[root@bigip01:Active:Standalone] config # ipidr -l /Common/vs_hackazon_http+/Common/hackazon_bados
Trying to allocate key 1514 sz 82968 flags 186
Mapped memory @ 0x2b819a8ac000
Trying to allocate key 1513 sz 82968 flags 186
Mapped memory @ 0x2b819a8ac1000
autobl_dump_metadata() autobl_root [0x2b819a8ac000] Magic [B16B00DA] #Tmm [64] cat [0x2b819a8ac018] q [0x2b819a8b0418]
autobl_dump_metadata() autobl_root_d [0x2b819a8ac1000] Magic [B16B00DA] #Daemon [3] cat [0x2b819a8c1018] q [0x2b819a8c5418]

IP	Rate	Prod	Tout
132.173.99.18 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.3 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.14 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.8 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.5 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.20 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.21 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.4 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.9 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.24 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.15 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.2 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.19 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.13 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.17 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.0 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.6 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.23 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.11 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.10 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.22 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.7 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.1 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.16 | 80% | 1 | 1363
132.173.99.12 | 80% | 1 | 1363
```

1. **IP:** IP address that is member of the greylist
2. **Rate:** Probability of drop for an ingress packet. Higher number equals higher drop rate at the TCP layer. As drop rate goes up, retransmit rates increase, and subsequently TCP window sizes adjust closer to zero. Also, note this behavior will be different if the client IP is learned through a layer 7 header. If so, the behavior will be an HTTP rate limit versus TCP based mitigations.
3. **Prod:** Number of stat producers. In this environment, this should always be 1.
4. **Tout:** Time-out/TTL. Prior to releasing an IP address from the greylist, Advanced Web Application Firewall will quarantine the IP address for a period of time. During this time, TCP slowdown methods will discontinue, and HTTP rate limiting will take over. If during the quarantine period, the IP address triggers more attack traffic, the IP will be removed from quarantine and placed back in greylist. Quarantined IP addresses are visible in the DoS Dashboard/Analytics views in the Mitigation panel.

11. With the attack script still running, examine the output of the baseline script. You should be getting HTTP 200 OK responses, and the response time should be inline with pre-attack response times. Also, verify you can use `curl` to <http://hackazon.f5demo.com> without issue.
12. In the window where you are running the attack script, enter **CTRL-C**, then type **4** to kill the attack script cleanly.
13. Leave `baseline_menu.sh` script running.

## 8.7 Bad Actor Detection and Request Signatures

In the previous modules, we examined both request signature detection and bad actor detection mitigations individually. In this module, we will enable both mitigations together, and explore how they operate in tandem to mitigate a DoS attack. Additionally, we will use Advanced Web Application Firewall's DoS Reporting tools to further inspect the details of each attack.

1. Using Chromium Browser on the Xubuntu Jumpbox, open another tab to the GUI on `bigip01`
2. Navigate to **Security >> DoS Protection : DoS Profiles** and click the `hackazon_bados` profile we created earlier.
3. Click the **Application Security** tab, and then click the **Behavioral & Stress-based Detection** button in the Application Security panel.
4. Click the **Edit** link to the right of the **Behavioral Detection and Mitigation** section, then uncheck the checkbox next to **Bad actors behavior detection**, and check the box next to **Request signatures detection**
5. Scroll down, and click **Update** button.
6. Navigate to **Security >> Reporting >> DoS >> Dashboard**
7. From the **DoS Dashboard** select the refresh drop down and set value to 1 min, and grab the slider bar at the top and drag it as far right as possible.
8. On the right side of the **DoS Dashboard**, grab the handle just to the right of the HTTP and Network filter labels, and pull left to the midway point of the screen.
9. Using the inner-most vertical scroller on the right-hand side of the screen, scroll down until you see the **Transaction Outcomes** dynamic panel. Click the panel to expand, then click the three vertical lines to the left of the Transaction Outcomes label. Click on **Columns**, and click the green icon to remove all row labels except the following:
  - Transactions
  - Attacks
  - Valid Transactions
  - Mitigated Transactions
  - Blocked Transactions
  - Incomplete Transactions
10. Repeat the same process to filter the **Behavioral Signatures** dynamic panel.
11. With the baseline traffic still running, examine both the **Transaction Outcomes** and **Behavior Signatures** panels. You should see all transactions have an outcome of **Passthrough**. Also, the center column of the main dashboard view should show no current attacks in progress. Keep this window open.

12. From the Xubuntu Jumpbox open another Terminal window, or return to a previously opened window. Then:

```
f5student@xjumpbox$ ssh root@10.1.1.245
```

13. From the SSH session, run the following command:

```
[root@bigipo01:Active:Standalone] config # watch ipidr -l /Common/vs_
↪hackazon_http+/Common/hackazon_bados
```

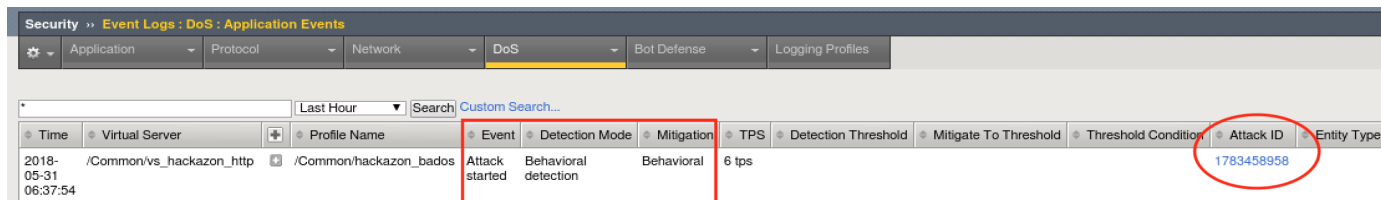
14. From the Xubuntu Jumpbox open another Terminal window, or return to a previously opened window. Then, re-run the attack script using the following command:

```
f5student@xjumpbox~$ ./AB_DOS.sh

- Select **2** - Attack start - score
```

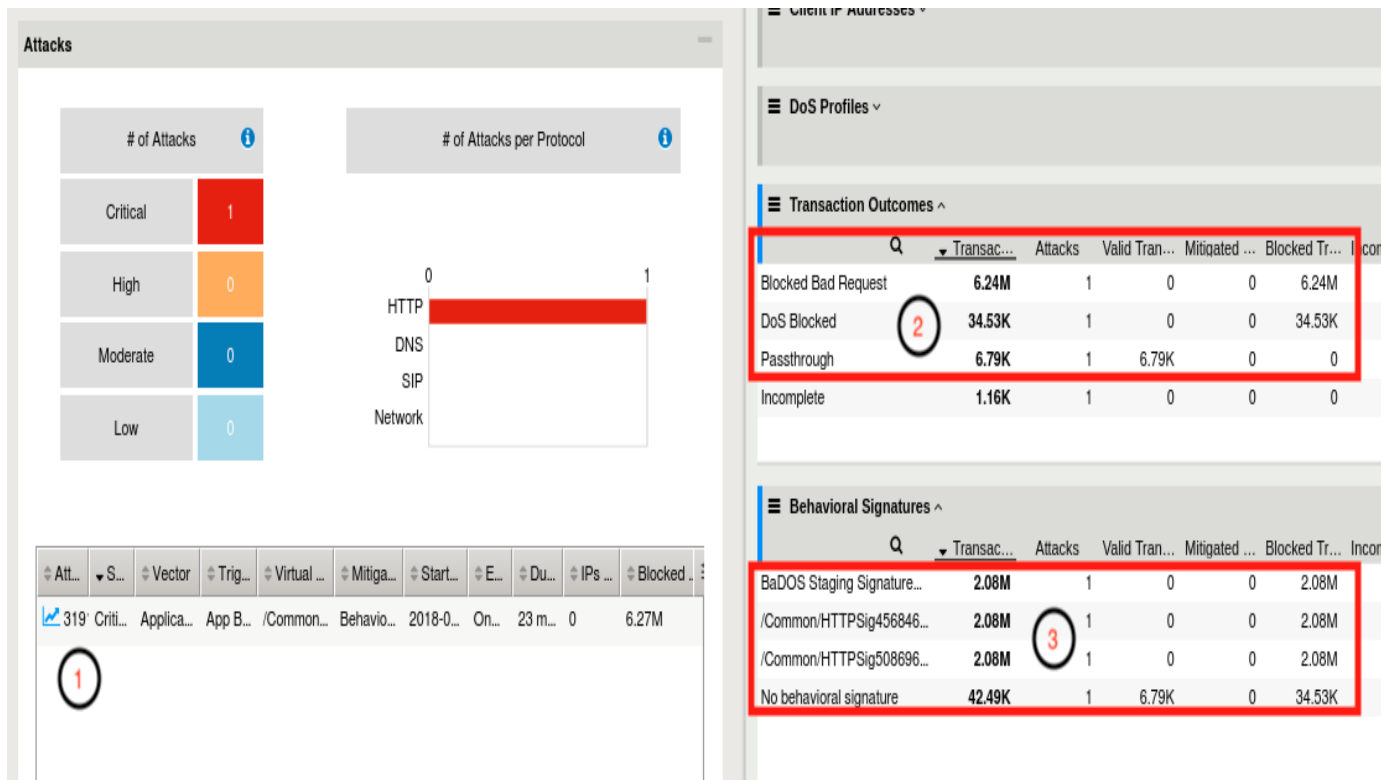
15. Open another tab to the GUI on bigip01, and navigate to **Security » Event Logs » DoS » Application Events**

16. Almost immediately you should see an attack has started, and Advanced Web Application Firewall has assigned an Attack ID to the event. You will see something similar to the screenshot below:



| Time                | Virtual Server           | Profile Name           | Event          | Detection Mode       | Mitigation | TPS   | Detection Threshold | Mitigate To Threshold | Threshold Condition | Attack ID  | Entity Type |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| 2018-05-31 06:37:54 | /Common/vs_hackazon_http | /Common/hackazon_bados | Attack started | Behavioral detection | Behavioral | 6 tps |                     |                       |                     | 1783458958 |             |

17. Open another tab to the GUI on bigip01, and navigate to **Security » DoS Protection : Signatures**, and click on the **Dynamic** box, then set the **Refresh** value to **20 secs**. In a few moments, you should see request signatures being generated.
18. Return to the browser tab opened to the DoS Reporting Dashboard. Monitor the **Transaction Outcomes** and **Behavioral Signatures** dynamic panels. After a few minutes, you will begin to see signature based mitigations, and your dashboard should look similar to the image below:



1. DoS Dashboard view shows an attack has been triggered. Select the attack, click the filter icon in upper right hand corner of Attacks table, and you can adjust the columns to view.
  2. This attack was initially mitigated with HTTP global rate limiting before a signature can be generated, accounted for in the **DoS Blocked** row. Then, as an attack signature is generated, all attack traffic should begin to be blocked with the request signature(s), evident by looking at the **Blocked Bad Request** row in transaction outcomes. At this point, if you refresh the dashboard, DoS Blocked counts should remain static, and Blocked Bad Request counters should be incrementing.
  3. Behavioral DoS will generate and adjust signatures as the traffic changes. This panel shows the signatures, referenced by signature name, that have been used to mitigate this attack.
19. Look back at the browser tab showing the Dynamic Request Signatures. You should now see that not only have signatures been generated, but they are active in mitigating a current attack. See below:

1303191789998 HTTP Mitigate Unapproved Not-shareable 1 Mon Jun 4, 11:13:24 2018 -0700 vs\_hackazon\_http hackazon\_bados 3191789998 0 0 1482

**231303191789998** Alias: /Common/HTTPSig4568467065167231303191789998  
 Creation Time: Mon Jun 4, 11:13:24 2018 -0700  
 Last Modified: Mon Jun 4, 11:13:24 2018 -0700

**Predicates String**  
 (http.unknown\_header eq true) and (http.unknown\_header eq true) and (http.uri\_len between 0-15) and (http.accept contains application) and (http.uri\_parameters eq no-query) and (http.referer\_header\_exists eq true) and (http.headers\_count eq 11) and (http.uri\_file hashes-like /) and (http.cache\_control hashes-to 14) and (http.cache\_control\_header\_exists eq true) and (http.accept\_encoding\_header\_exists eq true)

**Most Recent Attacks**

| Context          | Profile        | Attack Time                    | Accuracy | Detection Threshold EPS | Mitigation Threshold EPS | Current EPS |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| vs_hackazon_http | hackazon_bados | Mon Jun 4, 01:24:48 2018 -0700 | 100%     | 0                       | 0                        | 1528        |

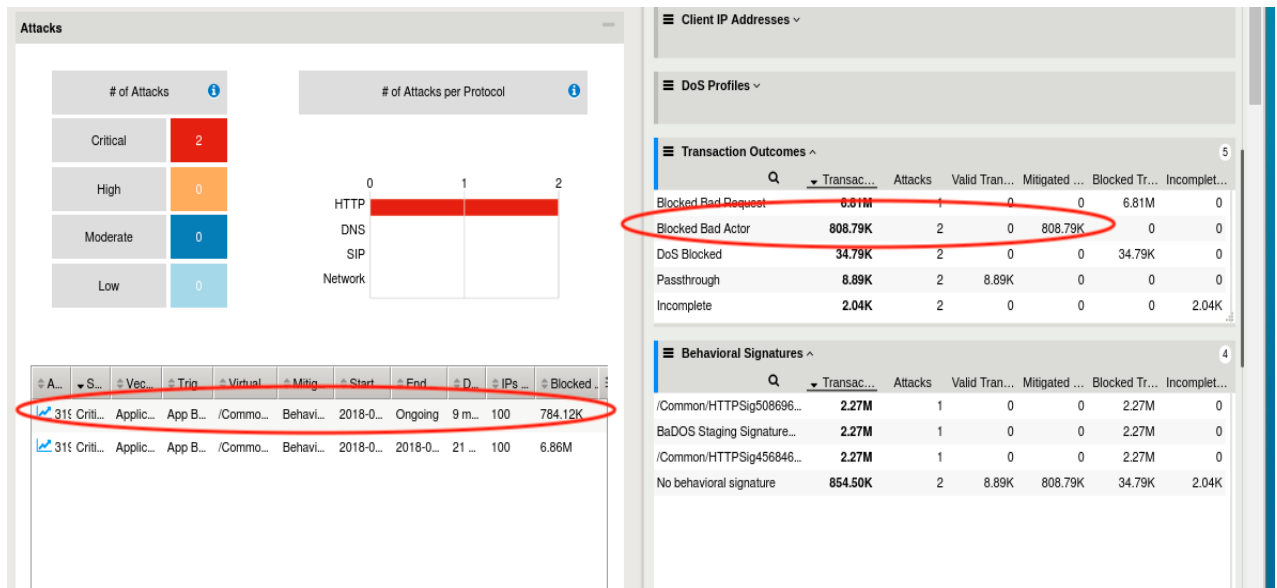
233191789998 HTTP Mitigate Unapproved Not-shareable Mon Jun 4, 10:55:37 2018 -0700 vs\_hackazon\_http hackazon\_bados 3191789998 0 0 1793

1. The Attack Status icon has changed to red, and shows “mitigated-with-attackid”.
  2. Most recent attacks should show an incrementing **Current EPS** (Events Per Second) counter.
20. Using a different browser tab, navigate to **Security » DoS Protection : DoS Profiles** and click the **hackazon\_bados** profile. As you did earlier, edit the **Behavioral Detection and Mitigation** section. This time, check the checkbox next to **Bad actors behavior detection**, then click **Update**.
21. Return to the browser tab monitoring the DoS event logs. Soon, you will see Advanced Web Application Firewall ends the current attack, and immediately triggers a new attack. Your DoS Application Events log should look similar to the below image:

| Time                | Virtual Server           | Profile Name           | Event          | Detection Mode       | Mitigation | TPS      | Detection Threshold | Mitigate To Threshold | Threshold Condition | Attack ID  | Entity Type | Entity | De |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------|----------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|--------|----|
| 2018-06-04 13:11:51 | /Common/vs_hackazon_http | /Common/hackazon_bados | Attack started | Behavioral detection | Behavioral | 0 tps    |                     |                       |                     | 3191790004 |             | 0      |    |
| 2018-06-04 13:11:50 | /Common/vs_hackazon_http | /Common/hackazon_bados | Attack ended   | Behavioral detection | Behavioral | 5490 tps |                     |                       |                     | 3191790002 |             | 0      |    |
| 2018-06-04 12:50:34 | /Common/vs_hackazon_http | /Common/hackazon_bados | Attack started | Behavioral detection | Behavioral | 9 tps    |                     |                       |                     | 3191790002 |             | 0      |    |
| 2018-06-04 12:29:23 | /Common/vs_hackazon_http | /Common/hackazon_bados | Attack ended   | Behavioral detection | Behavioral | 0 tps    |                     |                       |                     | 3191790001 |             | 0      |    |

22. Return to the browser tab opened to the DoS Reporting Dashboard. Monitor the **Transaction Outcomes** and **Behavioral Signatures** dynamic panels. After a few minutes, you will begin to see transactions being mitigated with **Blocked Bad Actor**. Shortly after you begin seeing transactions being mitigated via bad actor detection the Blocked Bad Request row should stop incrementing blocked transactions. Also, you should now see another attack has been triggered in the Attacks table. Your

DoS dashboard should look similar to below image:



**Note:** Request Signatures **blocked** L7 requests that match the signature using a layer seven drop. Bad Actors are **mitigated** at layer three and four.

- Return to the Terminal window from step #13 above. You should see the IP greylist again adding attacking IP addresses.
- Return to the browser tab monitoring the Dynamic Request Signatures, and examine the attack status for the attack signatures and EPS counter. You should see the attack status as **Detected**, not mitigating, and EPS should be 0. This attack is now being mitigated exclusively by bad actors as in the previous module.

### 8.7.1 Bonus

The exercise above shows Request Signatures and Bad Actor Detection working in tandem to mitigate an attack. However, we have a relatively small set of attackers, so almost immediately Advanced Web Application Firewall will identify all the bad actors, and the attack will be 100% mitigated with bad actor detection. In the real world, it is highly likely the set of attackers will be very large and dynamic. So, it is quite possible, that as soon as bad actors are detected, the attacking sources will change. At that point, you will see an attack being mitigated by both request signatures and bad actors. Try the below steps to simulate this activity.

- Return to the iRule configured in module 1 ([Create XFF-Mixed\\_Attacker iRule](#))
- Modify line #10 to match below and click **Update**

```

1  when HTTP_REQUEST {
2      # Good traffic
3      if { [IP::addr [IP::client_addr] equals 10.1.10.52] } {
4          set xff 153.172.223.[expr int(rand()*100)]
5          HTTP::header insert X-Forwarded-For $xff
6      }
7
8      # Attack traffic

```



```
9      if { [IP::addr [IP::client_addr] equals 10.1.10.53] } {  
10          set xff 112.173.99.[expr int(rand()*1000)]  
11          HTTP::header insert X-Forwarded-For $xff  
12      }  
13  }
```

3. Return to the browser tab monitoring the DoS Dashboard. Shortly, after the iRule change you should now see the **Blocked Bad Request** counter incrementing again. In time, Advanced Web Application Firewall will begin to learn all the new IP's as well, but you should have enough time to see both mitigations active concurrently.
4. Return to the browser tab monitoring the Dynamic Request Signatures. You should now see the attack signatures are again active and mitigating the attack until all new sources have been learned by bad actor detection.

This completes the Introduction to L7 Behavioral DoS Self Guided Lab. Thanks for attending the session, and have a great week at F5 Agility 2018!

