Planet Blackout: The Reach Of Global Censorship

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Simple observation

Worldcup websites can be blocked



What's the goal?

 The global reach of censorship for popular domains from different sub-categories

From 156 countries from geographically diverse vantage points

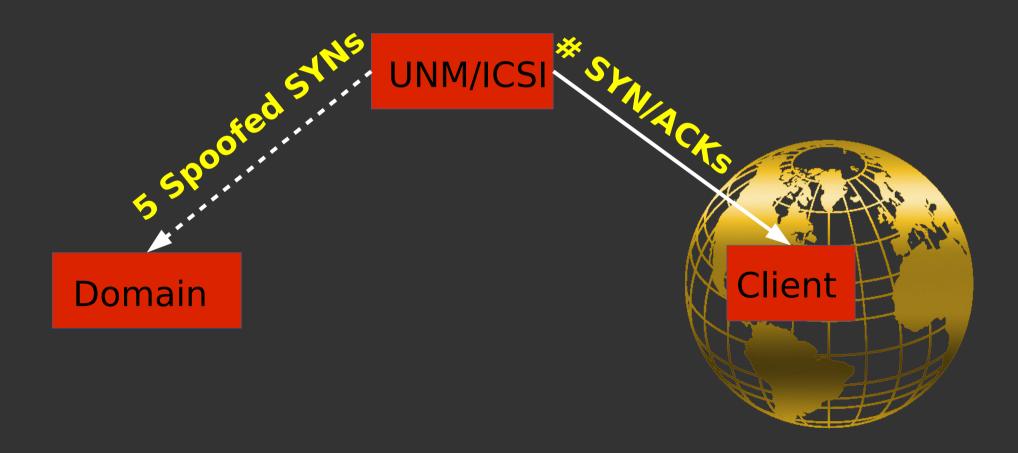
How do we measure?

- Using TCP/IP side channels
- In particular: hybrid idle scan that uses IP identification and SYN backlog

 Using DNS injection analysis by Ben Jones from Georgia Insistute of Technology.

In a nutshell

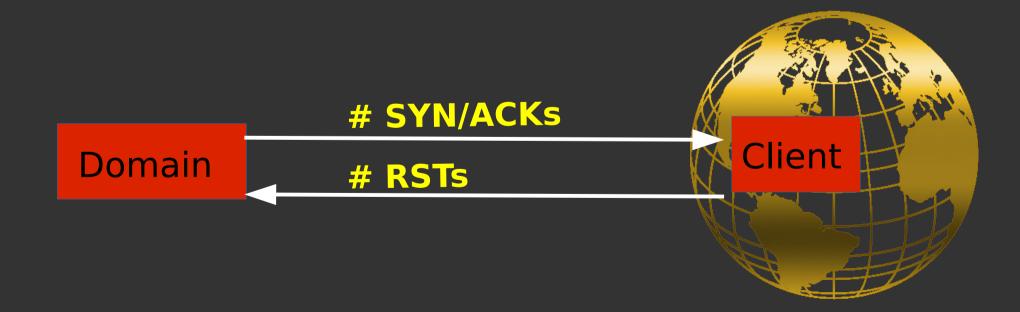
 We can manipulate and probe shared resources (using IP spoofing)



Ethical concerns

 Our hybrid idle scan create unsolicited traffic between a random global IPID client and a target domain

UNM/ICSI



Better solutions

- Not choosing end personal systems as a client:
 - Choosing routers
 - Choosing embedded systems





