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Practical Workflow for Automation and Orchestration of Addressing Cyber Threat: **Case Study of Mirai Botnet in Malaysia**



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Agenda

- Introduction
- Issues Surrounding Protecting Malaysia Cyber Security
- Important of Threat Intelligent Sharing
- Traditional SOC “And” Threat Intelligent Information Sharing
- Case study Mirai



Cyber Early Warning Services

-  **Incident Handling**
-  **Cyber Early Warning**
-  **Technical Coordination
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-  **Malware Research Center**



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REFERENCE CENTRE FOR CYBER SECURITY ASSISTANCE

- for all internet users, including home users and organizations**

What steps are taken by the

Malaysian Government

to keep cyber threats under control ?



One of the most
important
step is creating :

National Cyber
Security Policy
(NCSP)

&

Establishing
CyberSecurity
Malaysia to
implement NCSP

Issues Surrounding Cyber Security in Malaysia

Vastly expanding attack surface area
(Mobile, Cloud, Virtualization, IOT etc)

Insufficient reliable data related to cyber threats

No appropriate body or authority that provides reliable data

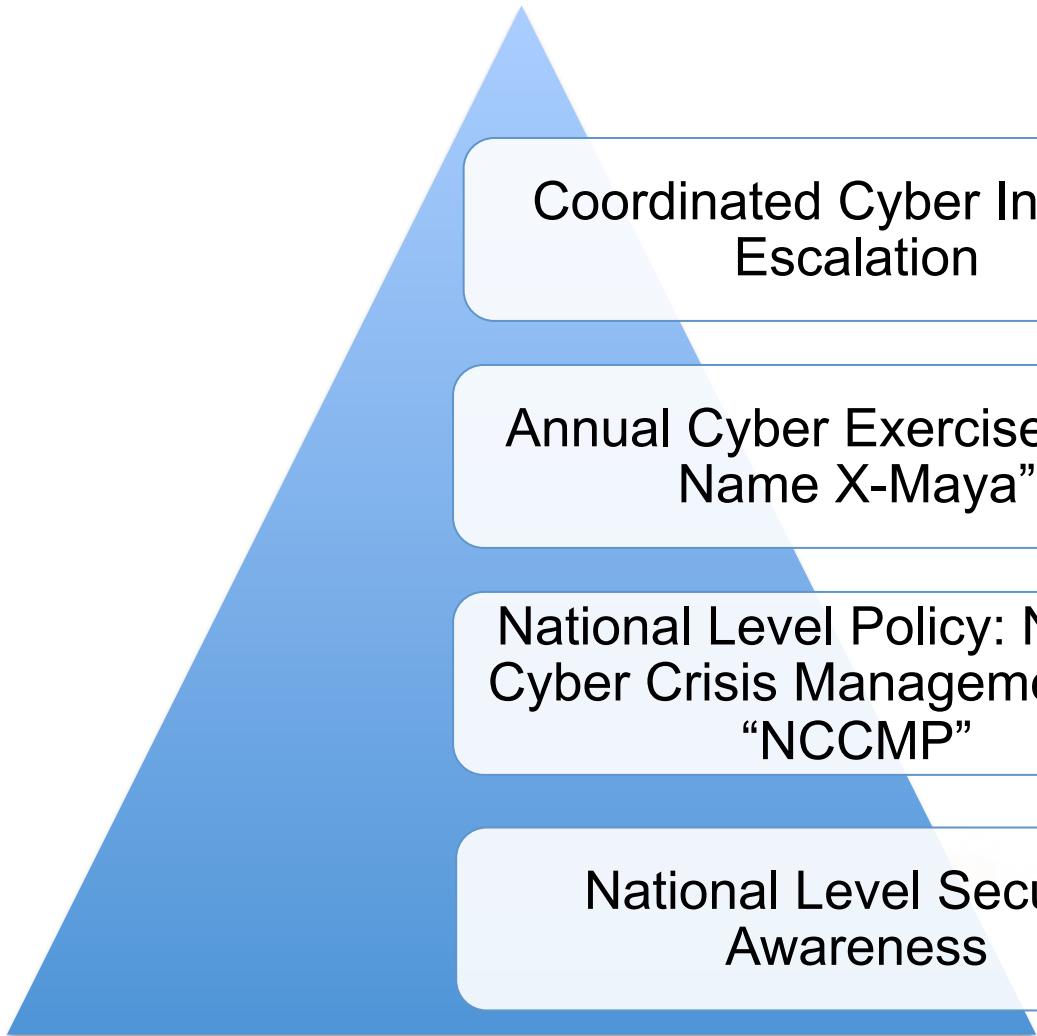
Insufficient technical resources and expertise to expedite threat intelligence analysis and incident response.

CSIRT's Role in Protecting Critical National Information Infrastructure

- Information sharing about latest threats and mitigation measures against the threats
- Early warning of latest outbreaks, provide Alert and Advisory on the latest outbreak which includes detection and mitigations
- Raise awareness about cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection issues
- As a platform to promote mutual collaboration between all sectors in CNII, such as Government, Private, Financial sectors. A good example is a National-level Cyber Exercise.
- Engaging with various parties such as with Law Enforcement Agencies, ISPs , security experts on mitigations against cyber attacks against CNII.



Current Malaysia Practise for Mitigating Cyber Threats in Malaysia



Coordinated Cyber Incident Escalation

Annual Cyber Exercise “Code Name X-Maya”

National Level Policy: National Cyber Crisis Management Plan “NCCMP”

National Level Security Awareness

What is Threat Intel

“Threat Intelligence (TI) is evidence based knowledge, including context, mechanism, indicator, implications, and actionable advise about an existing or emerging menace or hazard to assets That can be used to inform decisions regarding the subject response to that menace or hazard”
- Gartner, 2013

- SANS Institute

- The set of data collected, assessed and applied regarding security threat, threat actors, exploits, malware, vulnerabilities and compromise indicators”



Importance of Threat Intelligence

To move threat intelligence sharing to the next level of efficiency and effectiveness, improvement is needed in three areas:

- We need to simplify event triage and provide a better environment for security practitioners to investigate high-priority threats.
- We need to do a better job establishing relationships between indicators of compromise so that we can understand their connections to attack campaigns.
- We need a better way to share threat intelligence among our stakeholders and relevant authorities.



Example of Threat Intelligence / Information Sharing Framework

Technical Platform / Framework

- MISP
- OpenIOC
- STIX / TAXII
- Collective Intelligence Framework (CIF)
- Avalanche/Soltra (FS-ISAC)

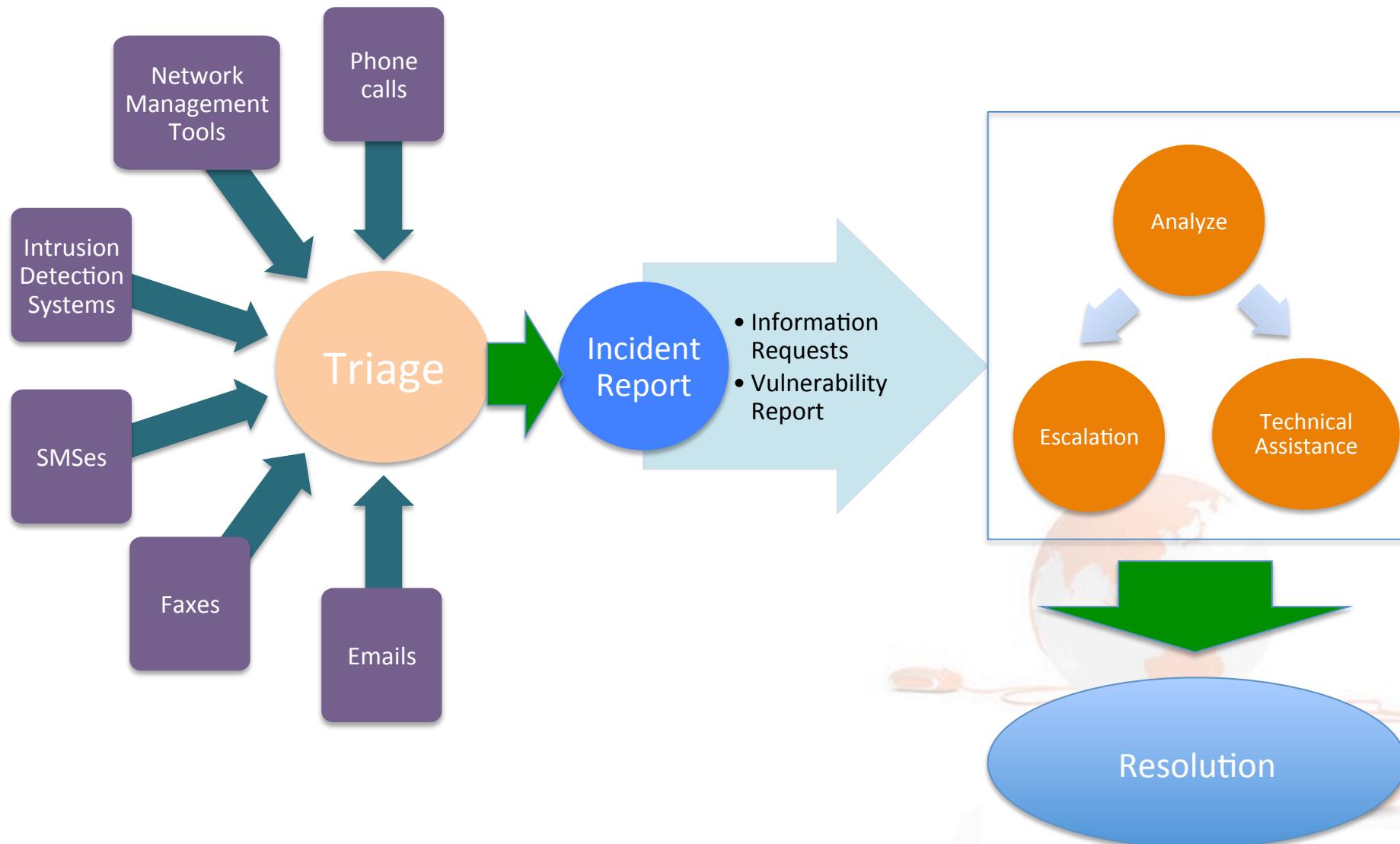
SIEM Communities

- Qradar Threat Exchange
- Splunk feeds

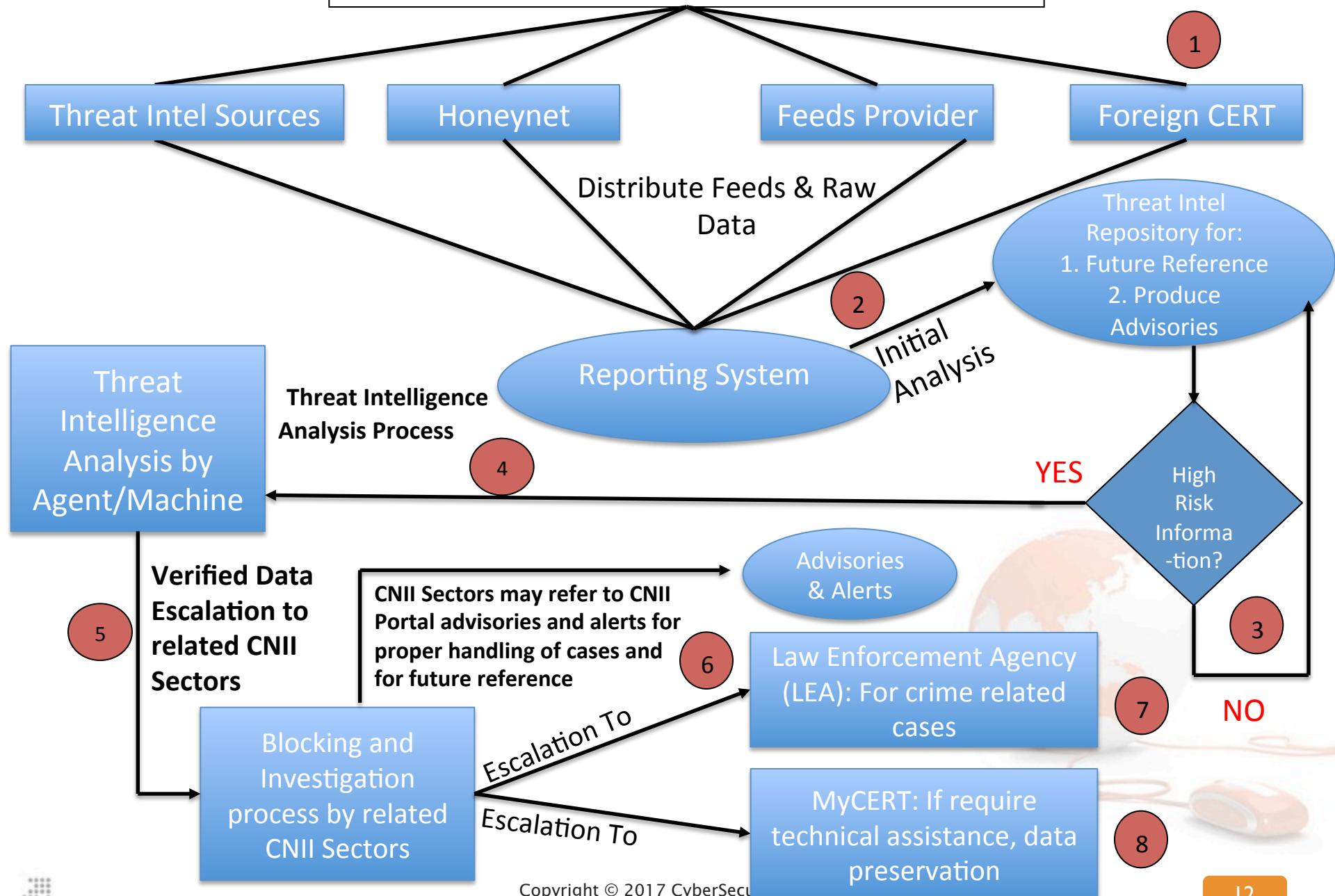
National CSIRTs/CERTs info sharing exchange

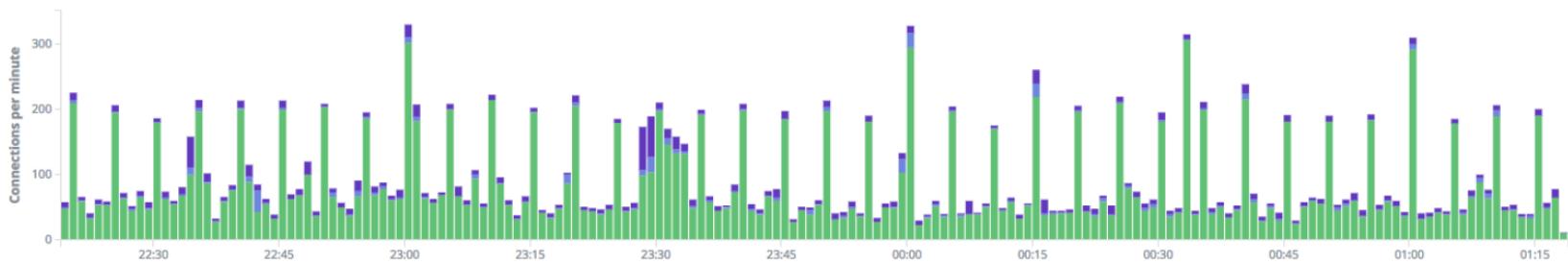


Traditional SOC Operation

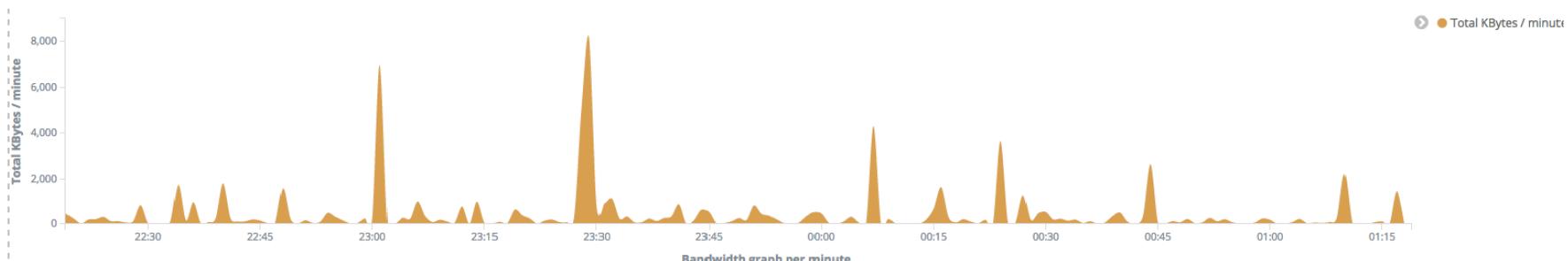
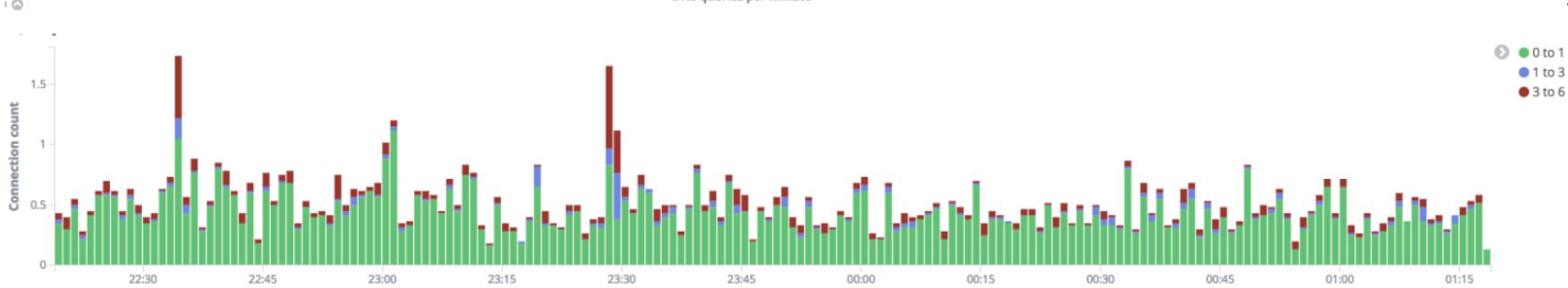
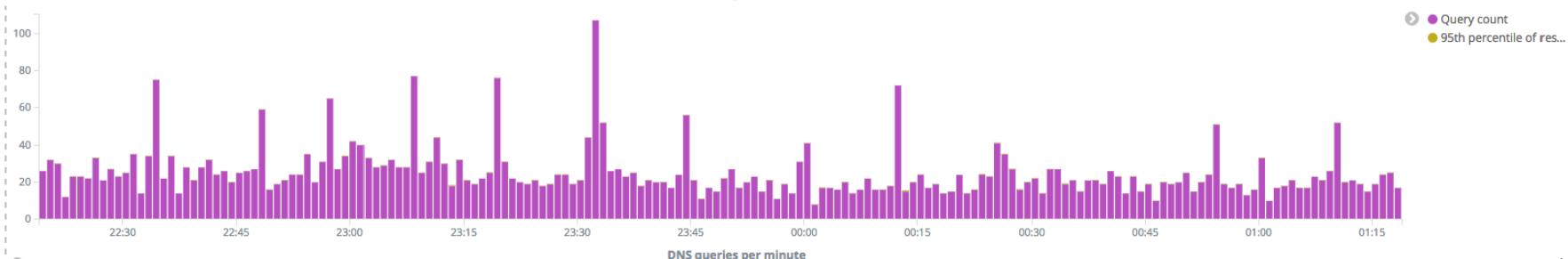


Threat Intelligence Information Sharing Model



QUALITY-Connections


Connections per minute with its duration



Tools Used for Information Sharing

MyLipas

- Semi-automated escalation tool
- For mass IP notification

Honeynet

- Source of threat information

Automated Scripts

- Automating the analysis and processing of the threat information

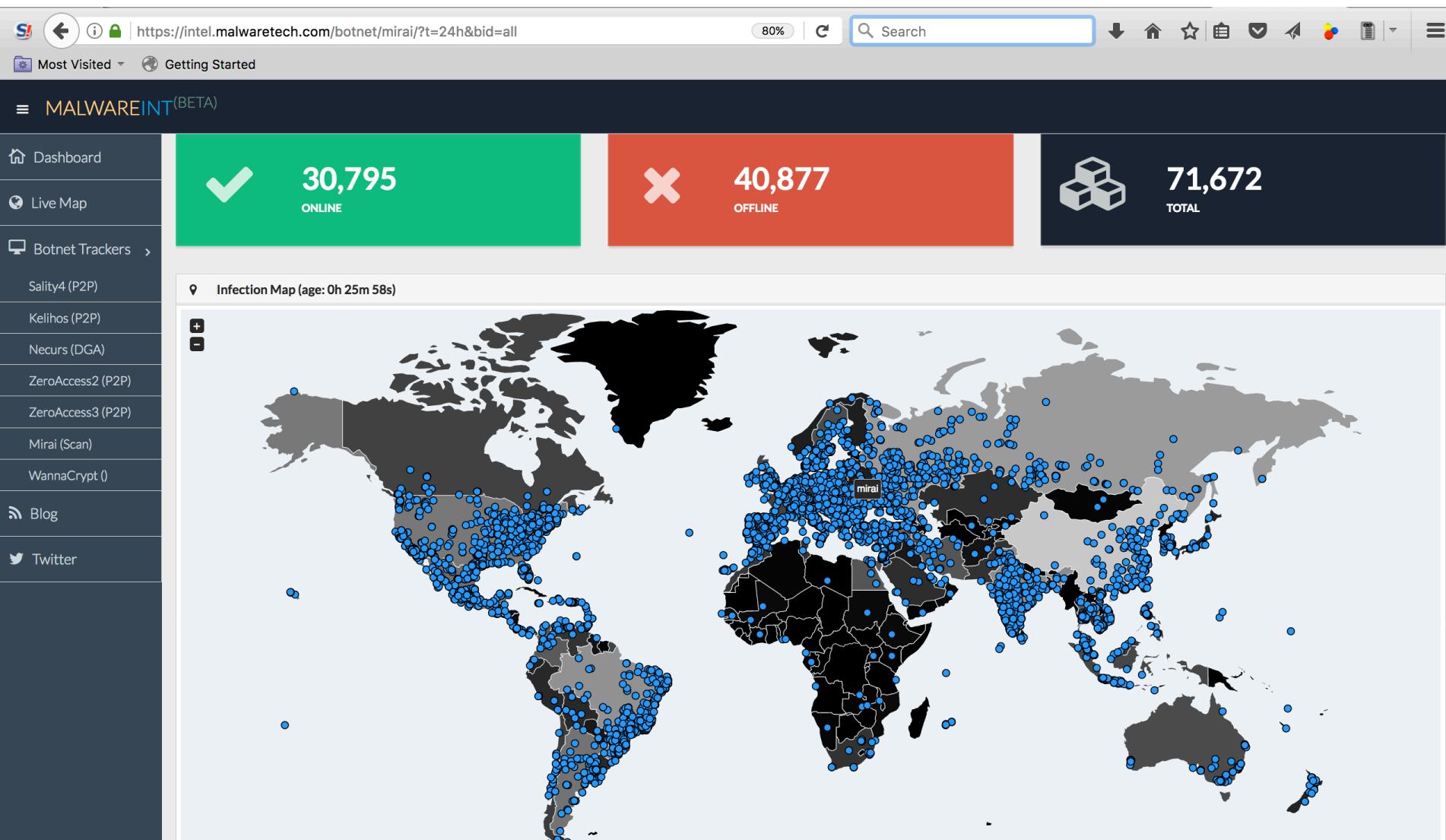
Forensic tools

- Forensic analysis

Case Study - Mirai



Mirai Botnet Infection



<https://intel.malwaretech.com/botnet/mirai/?t=24h&bid=all>



port:7547 country:my



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TOTAL RESULTS

20,585

TOP COUNTRIES



TOP CITIES

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| Kuala Lumpur | 6,762 |
| Petaling Jaya | 2,020 |
| Shah Alam | 1,183 |
| Klang | 776 |
| Kajang | 362 |

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| TM Net | 17,073 |
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| Central | 313 |
| TM Business | 208 |
| Tt Dotcom Sdn Bhd | 130 |

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List of vectors found in source code.

| Attack | Description |
|-------------------|--|
| UDP | UDP flood |
| VSE | Valve Source Engine query flood |
| DNS water torture | Recursive DNS query attack |
| SYN | SYN packet flood |
| ACK | ACK packet flood |
| STOMP | ACK flood with STOMP |
| GRE IP | GRE flood |
| GRE Ether-net | Ethernet encapsulated inside GRE flood |
| Plain UDP | UDP flood optimized for speed |
| HTTP | HTTP layer 7 flood |

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root/xc3511           root/vizxv          root/admin
admin/admin            root/888888         root/xmhdipc
root/default          root/juantech        root/123456
root/54321             support/support      root/(none)
admin/password         root/root           root/12345
user/user              admin/(none)        root/12345
admin/admin1234        root/1111           root/pass
admin/1111              root/666666         admin/smcaadmin
root/1234              root/klv123          root/password
root/1234               supervisor/supervisor   Administrator/admin
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guest/12345            administrator/1234  admin1/password
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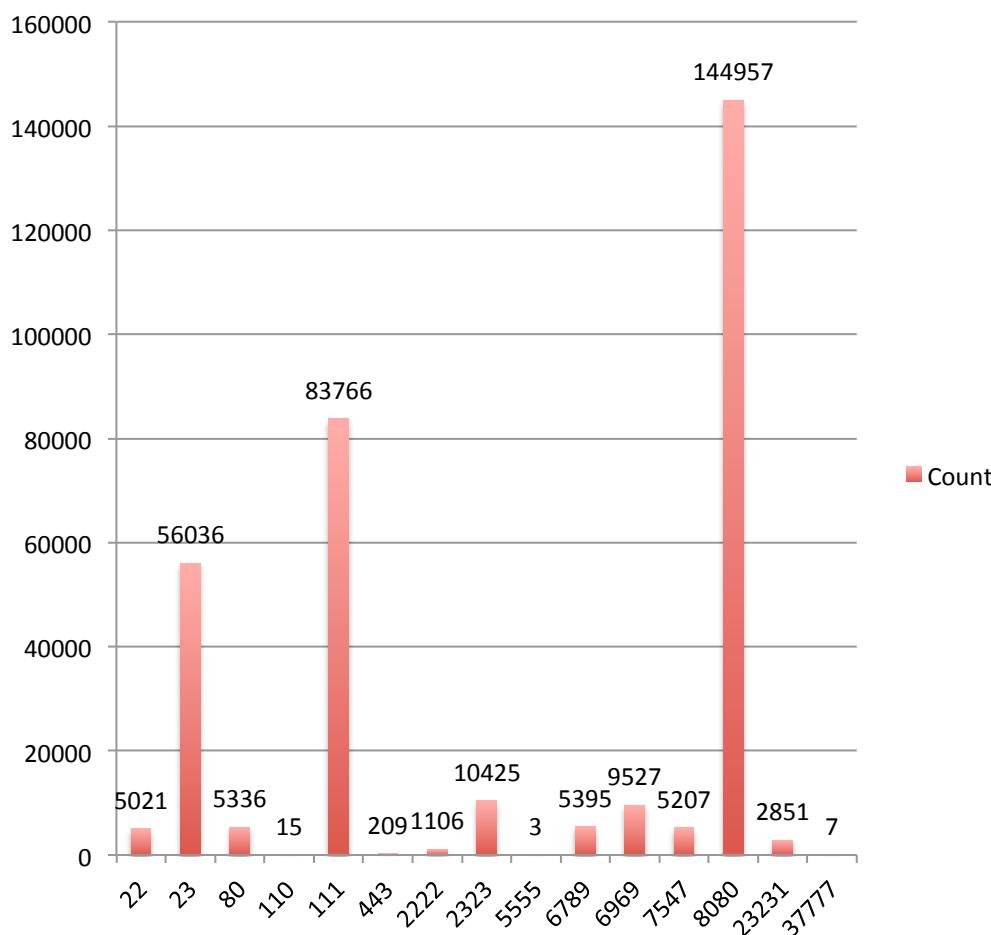
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Mirai's built-in password dictionary.

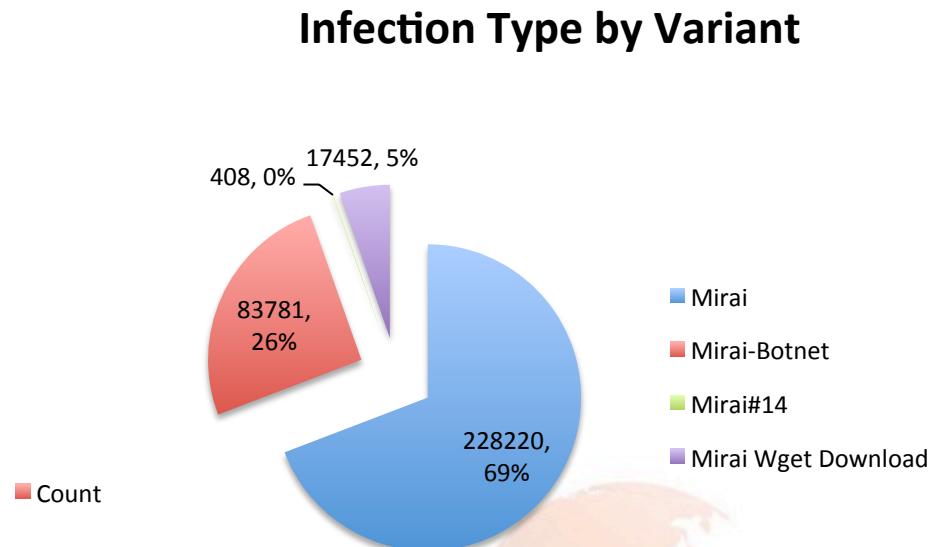
The passwords come from the botnet's source code

Security Feeds Information

Mirai infection CC-Port Scan Detected Jan - April 2017



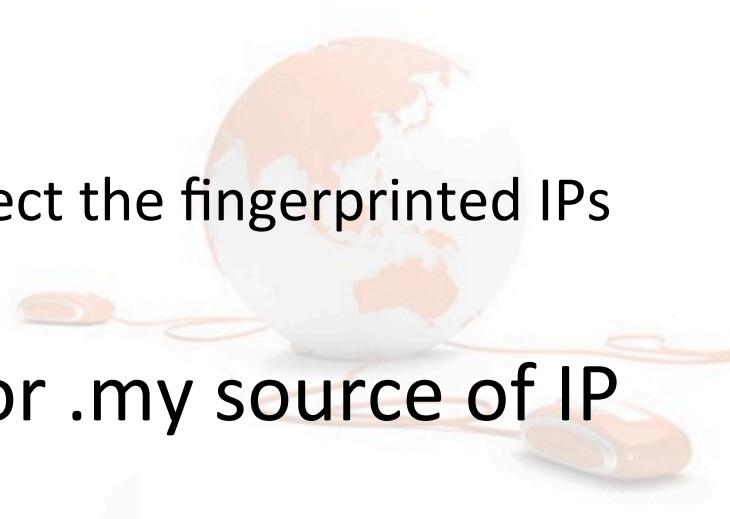
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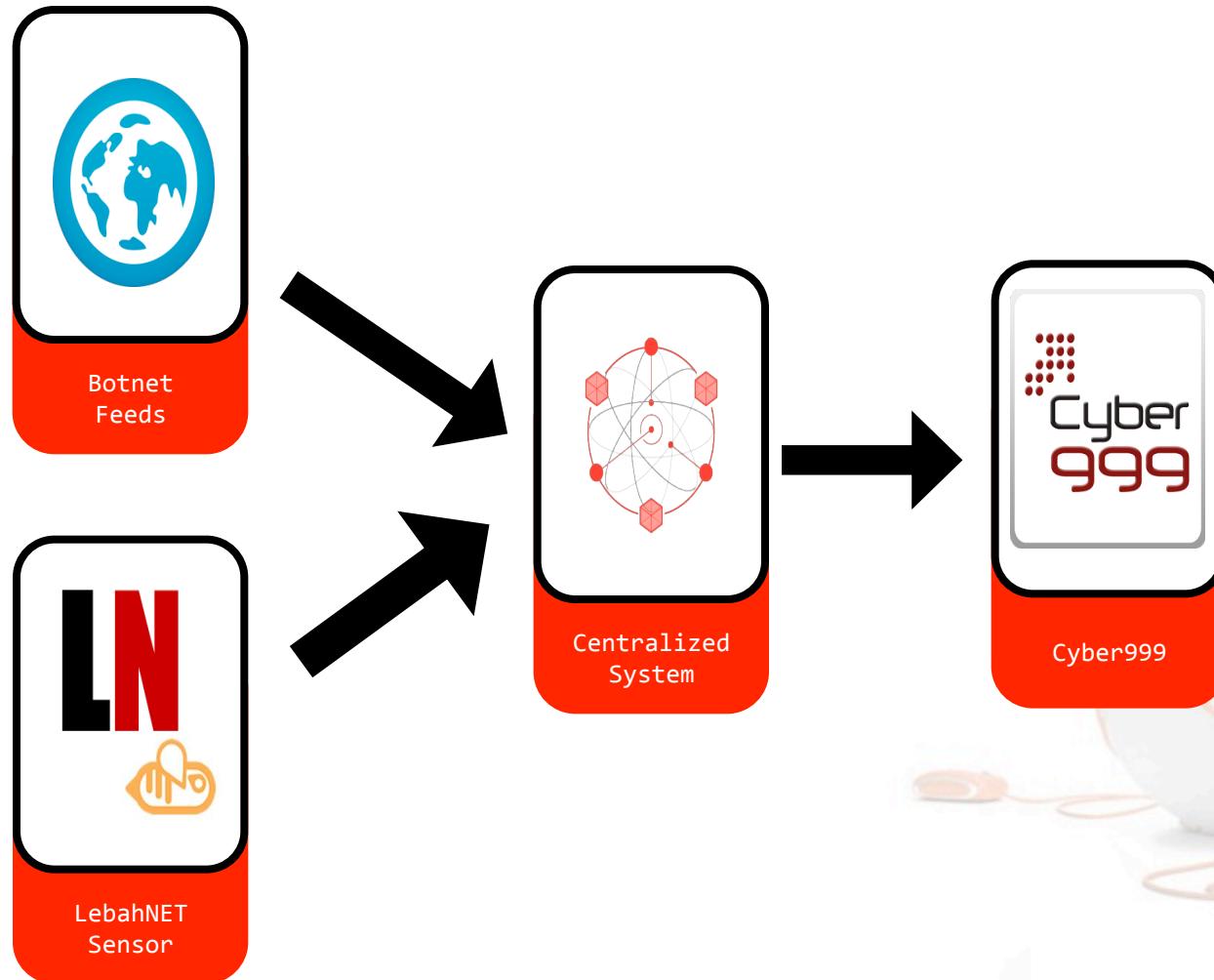
Mirai detection using Honeypot

MTPot – open source honeypot developed by *Cymmetria Research*.

MTPot is written in Python

- the ip and port to which the honeypot shall bind
 - a list of commands expected to be sent by the scanners and the responses that MTPot shall give
 - the name of the attack (Mirai)
 - a session timeout value
 - some optional syslog settings to collect the fingerprinted IPs
- Escalation to ISP focus only for .my source of IP that have been infected.
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Automated Escalation Process



Automation of escalation

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To: [redacted]
Cc: cyber999@cybersecurity.my
Signed: Good PGP signature. (Malaysia Computer Emergency Response Team (MyCERT) <cyber999@cybersecurity.my> : 82B6ED71 : 57CDC6891B0E08353BBDAF97D010057082B6ED71)
Subject: [redacted] Botnet Drones daily report on 02-02-2017.
Attachment: [mirai.4788.txt](#) , 659.1 KBytes

-----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----
Hash: SHA1

-----BEGIN-LOG-----

Dear Abuse Team,
MyCERT received a report from a botnet acti-
report on malware, botnet acti-
discovery of a list of all the
able to capture from the monit-
connections to HTTP botnets, o-
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Mitigate the attacked

- Automated incident escalation to ISP
- Recommend ISPs identify compromised IoT devices by filtering traffic TCP23 / TCP 2323 / TCP 7547
 - ISP action : Isolate and notify legitimate owners of the problem and urge to take corrective action.
- Publish advisory to alert Malaysia Internet user



Recommendation to device owners

- Research the capabilities and security features of an IoT device before purchase
- Stop using default/generic passwords.
- Disable Telnet login and use SSH
- Disable or protect remote access to IoT devices when not needed
- Regularly check the manufacturer's website for firmware updates



What is the challenges

Owner of Devices

- Not straightforward to patch/upgrade
- Not every user know how to resolve infected devices

IoT Manufacture

- Profit Vs Security
- Unnecessary services should be disabled by default
- Best practices: password

ISP

- Difficult to correlate information that have been share / escalate by CERT
- Need proper guidelines to informed affected customers.



Summary

- It worked for us in obtaining valid, reliable threat intelligent information from our trusted partners. This will eventually makes identification and rectification works smoothly.
- It worked in identifying the threats, vulnerabilities to systems belonging to the CNII sector
- It strengthens the working collaboration between CSIRTs and CNII sectors and position CSIRT as an entity that plays an important role in safe guarding the cyber space
- CSIRTs partnership has become an integral part at international network to fight against cyber threats.
- To develop a baseline understanding of common threats and capabilities to enable coordinated actions among the CNII sectors in the event of large scale cyber attacks.



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