Internet Routing Vulnerability

Routing-based Internet Infrastructure Attacks & Manipulations

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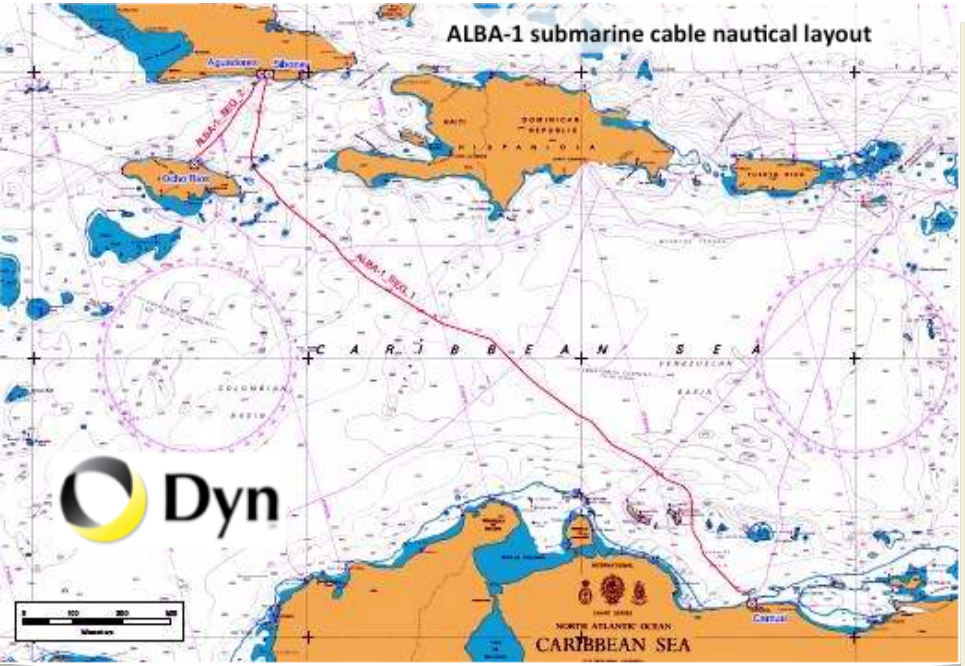
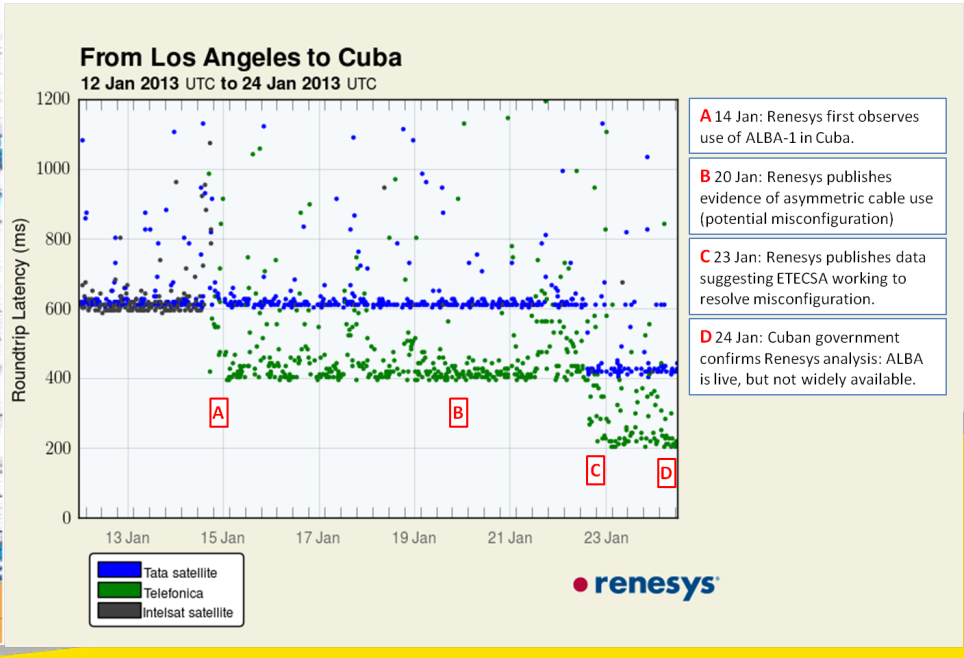
Discovery of ALBA-1 Activation

- 14 January 2013: ALBA-1 began carrying Internet traffic





BGP governs movement of Internet traffic

- Single protocol governs traffic exchange among the roughly 50,000+ Autonomous Systems that make up the Internet
- Each AS advertises their own IP networks, or prefixes, to their peers and transit providers

  Prefix: 194.123.122.0/24 (256 addresses)
  ASNs: AS286 (KPN), AS1103 (SURFnet)

- Each AS independently picks the best route to every prefix on earth *(most specific, then shortest AS path)*
- However, each AS also has the ability to announce any other AS's IP address space!

The system that directs Internet traffic is based on entirely on *trust*

BGP MITM hijacks

- **Beltelecom (AS6697)**
  - Belarus incumbent hijacked multiple entities in February 2013
  - Multiple downstream AS origins for hijacked prefixes
  - Traceroutes pass only through Beltelecom
  - Targeted US financial institutions and Foreign Ministries of numerous governments

BGP MITM hijacks

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trace from Helsinki to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania
(May 23, 2013)
1   *
2   62.78.114.228   Helsinki, Finland     0.519
3   62.78.111.198   Helsinki, Finland     0.508
4   62.78.107.128   Tampere, Finland      8.669
5   62.78.107.135   Tampere, Finland     14.401
6   62.78.107.51    Tampere, Finland      8.694
7   194.68.123.212  Stockholm, Sweden    21.758
8   217.150.62.234  Moscow, Russia      156.642
9   217.150.62.233  Minsk, Belarus       44.710
10  84.15.6.213     Vilnius, Lithuania   66.443
11  213.226.128.18  Vilnius, Lithuania   66.613
12  195.22.173.222  Ministry of Foreign  68.120
                      Affairs of Lithuania
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Legitimate route:

… 13194 **24825** 195.22.173.0/24

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

Hijack route:

Beltelecom

… 20485 **6697** 56498 195.22.173.0/24

- Hijack route was in circulation for about 1hr
- BGP communities used to deliberately limit propagation to create MITM

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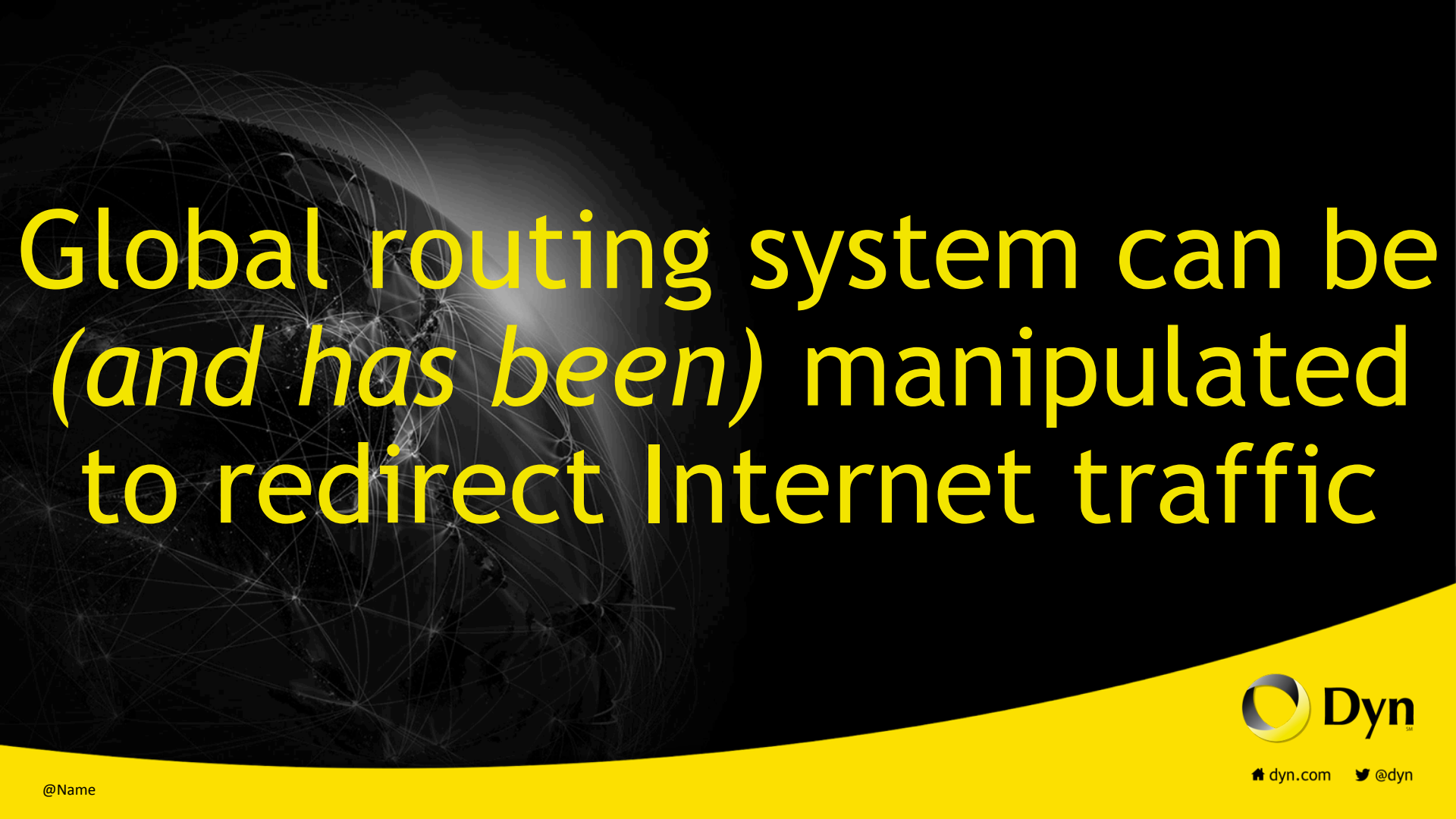
http://research.dyn.com/2013/11/mitm-internet-hijacking/


Global routing system can be
(and has been) manipulated
to redirect Internet traffic

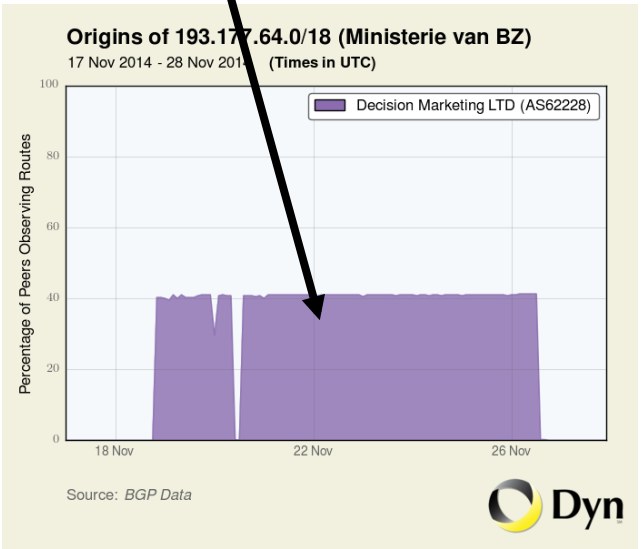
Vast World of Fraudulent Routing

- Numerous entities currently engaged in IP squatting
- Common technique for spam generation, but also used for distribution of malware and botnet CnC
- Obfuscates perpetrator's true source
- Mostly unused IP space, but sometimes used space

Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs questioned by member of parliament over why their IP space was hijacked.

Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs

About 40% of our BGP peers carried this route in their table for about two weeks.



AS62228 announced about 45 routes of mostly unused address space.

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Cantonal IP space in Switzerland hijacked by Spammers

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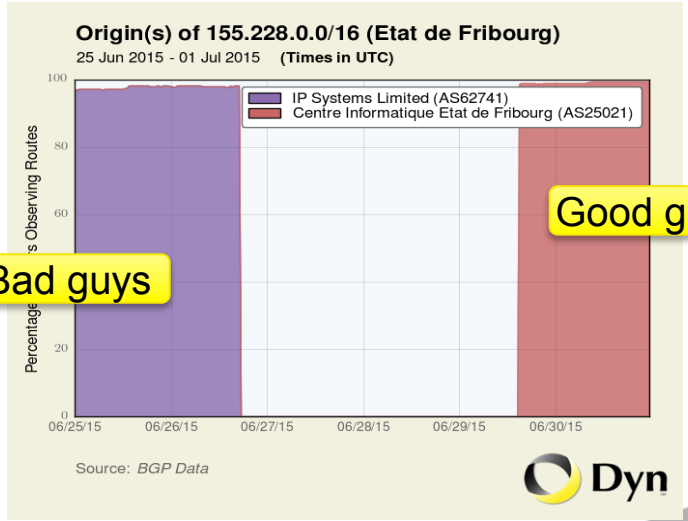
Last updated on 2015-08-13 07:05:37 UTC

In June 2015, GovCERT.ch was informed about Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) IP hijacking of IP space that is owned by a cantonal administration in Switzerland. We received the initial hint from The Spamhaus Project, an international non-profit organization that fights spam. MELANI / GovCERT.ch informed the affected canton immediately after being informed by Spamhaus.



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- **Improved Technique: Phony, but plausible AS origins used to throw off the scent**
- Previous Russian-based activity (disappeared on Nov 5, 2014)
  - Example: British Telecom address space was originated by British Telecom ASNs (AS5400, AS3300), but routed from Russia
- Similar activity began in Ukraine in December 2014 and is currently on-going

Example: 200.202.64.0/19 (Brazil Home Shopping Ltd)

Originated by:

Exclusively transited along following path:

Ok, looks good

ASNs of Brazilian entities.
Ok, still looks plausible

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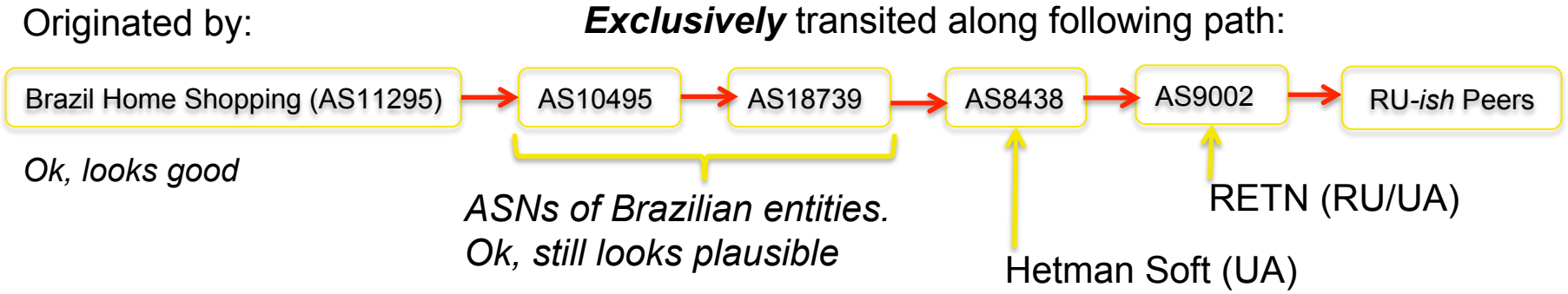

Route circulated only to a limited set of (mostly Russian) carriers

- What does a traceroute into this space look like?

Example: 200.202.64.0/19 (Brazil Home Shopping Ltd)

… 9002 8438 18739 10495 11295 200.202.64.0/19

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trace from Moscow, RU to 200.202.64.1 on Oct 09, 2015
1 *                                                                  0.0
2 87.245.229.46  ReTN external interconnections  Moscow          Russia    0.478
3 87.245.233.26  ReTN's Backbone                 Kiev            Ukraine  19.717
4 *                                                                  0.0
5 200.202.64.1   BR HOME SHOPPING LTDA           Belo Horizonte  Brazil   20.419
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20ms from Moscow

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trace from Minsk, BY to 200.202.64.1 on Oct 09, 2015
1 *                                                                    0.0
2 *                                                                    0.0
3 93.84.125.194    BELTELECOM                          Minsk           Belarus    4.343
4 93.85.80.54      Republican Unitary Telecommunica    Minsk           Belarus    4.425
5 93.85.80.126     Republican Unitary Telecommunica    Minsk           Belarus    0.984
6 87.245.237.21    ReTN external interconnections      Kiev            Ukraine   12.405
7 87.245.232.173   ReTN's Backbone                     Kiev            Ukraine   12.511
8 *                                                                    0.0
9 200.202.64.1     BR HOME SHOPPING LTDA               Belo Horizonte  Brazil     12.67
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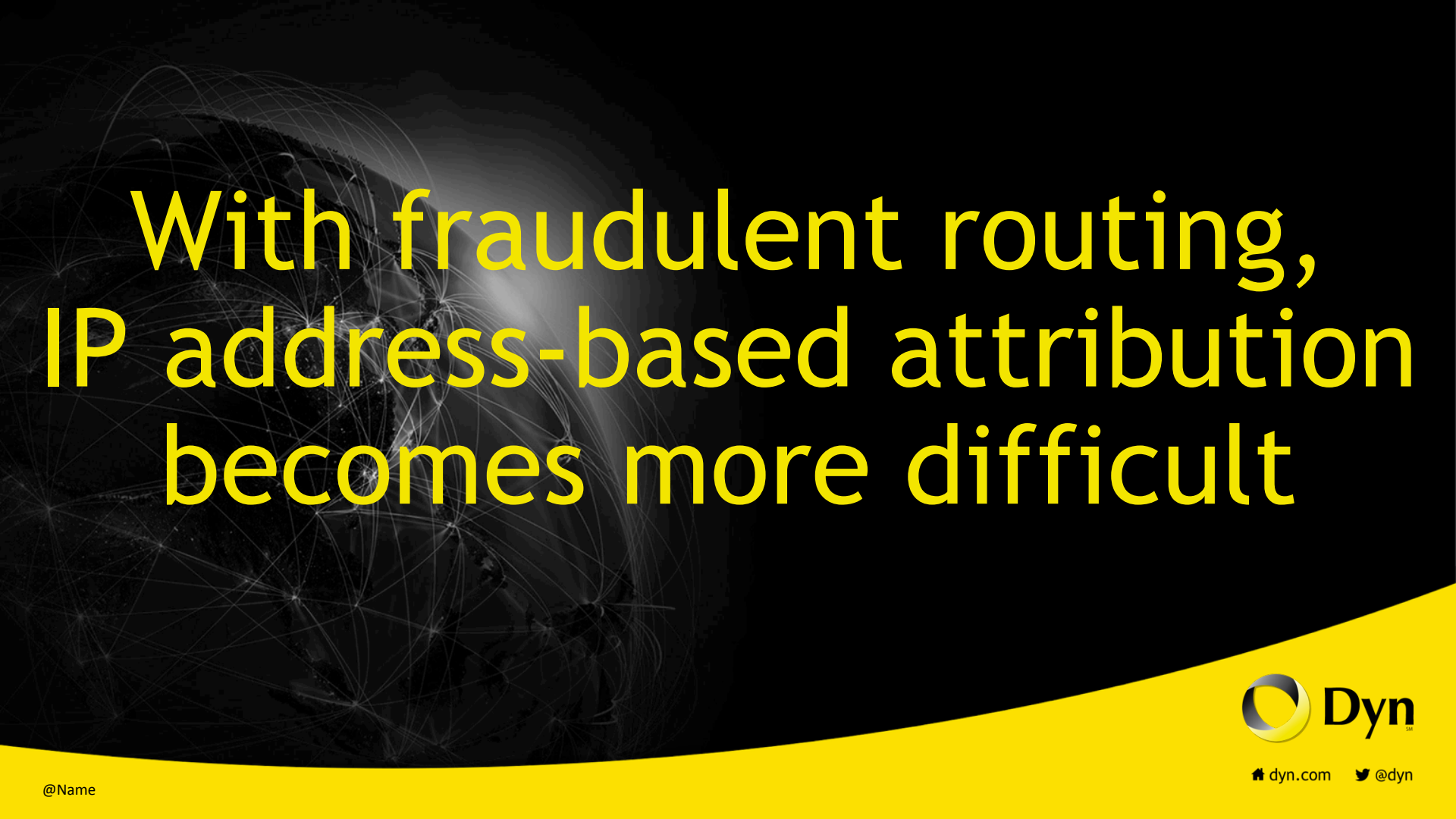
12ms from Minsk

- Other examples of routes seen ***exclusively*** along 9002_8438:

Prefix	Plausible, but Phoney Origin
187.239.0.0/16 (Uninet, MX)	AS8151 (Uninet, MX)
177.90.0.0/16 (Universidade De Sao Paulo, BR)	AS28571 (Univ De Sao Paulo, BR)
200.200.0.0/16 (Embratel, BR)	AS4230 (Embratel, BR)
181.56.0.0/16 (Telmex Colombia, CO)	AS10620 (Telmex Colombia, CO)
161.255.0.0/16 (Movistar (Telcel), VE)	AS6306 (Movistar (Telcel), VE)
177.21.128.0/20 (Netdigit Telecomunicacoes, BR)	AS28245 (Netdigit Telecomunicacoes, BR)
196.3.16.0/20 (Net Uno, C.A., VE)	AS11562 (Net Uno, C.A., VE)
186.189.224.0/20 (FastBee Argentina S.A.)	AS28028 (FastBee Argentina S.A)
186.236.240.0/20 (Prefeitura de Cuiabá, BR)	AS263638 (Prefeitura de Cuiabá, BR)
191.102.224.0/20 (DirecTV Colombia)	AS262928 (DirecTV Colombia)
177.8.80.0/20 (Centro Int. de Telemática do Exército,BR)	AS52890 (Centro Int. de Telemática do Exército,BR)
... many more	


With fraudulent routing, IP address-based attribution becomes more difficult

Traffic misdirection also still happening…

- *"But my traffic is all encrypted"*

Weak Diffie-Hellman and the Logjam Attack

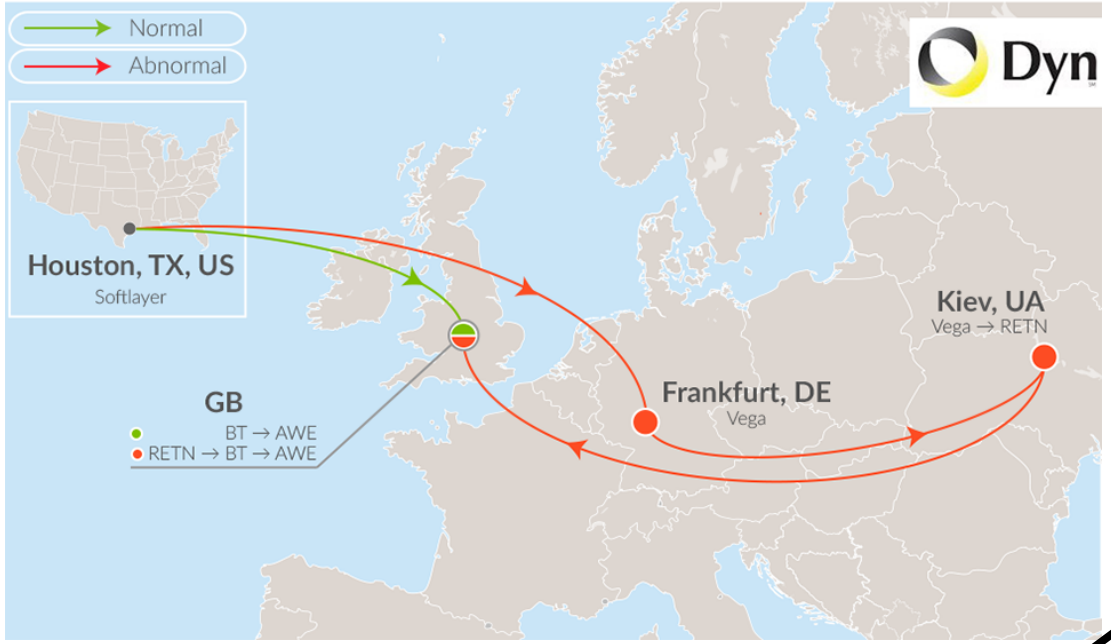
Diffie-Hellman key exchange is a popular cryptographic algorithm that allows Internet protocols to agree on a shared key and negotiate a secure connection. It is fundamental to many protocols including HTTPS, SSH, IPsec, SMTPS, and protocols that rely on TLS.

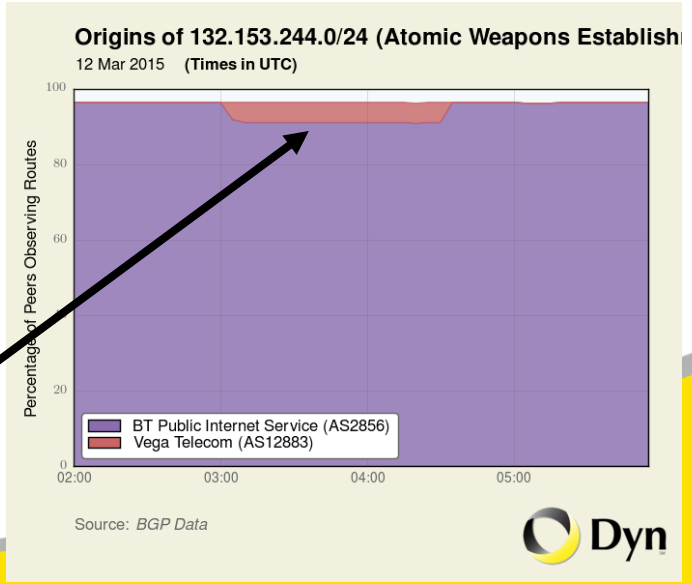
We have uncovered several weaknesses in how Diffie-Hellman key exchange has been deployed:

1. **Logjam attack against the TLS protocol.** The Logjam attack allows a man-in-the-middle attacker to downgrade vulnerable TLS connections to 512-bit export-grade cryptography. This allows the attacker to read and modify any data passed over the connection. The attack is reminiscent of the FREAK attack, but is due to a flaw in the TLS protocol rather than an implementation vulnerability, and attacks a Diffie-Hellman key exchange rather than an RSA key exchange. The attack affects any server that supports `DHE_EXPORT` ciphers, and affects all modern web browsers. 8.4% of the Top 1 Million domains were initially vulnerable.

2. **Threats from state-level adversaries.** Millions of HTTPS, SSH, and VPN servers all use the same prime numbers for Diffie-Hellman key exchange. Practitioners believed this was safe as long as new key exchange messages were generated for every connection. However, the first step in the number field sieve—the most efficient algorithm for breaking a Diffie-Hellman connection—is dependent only on this prime. After this first step, an attacker can quickly break individual connections.

Redirected traffic to UK Atomic Weapons Establishment





About 10% of our BGP peering carried this route in their table for about 1.5 hrs.
Other routes persisted for over a week.

Friday 5 February 2016
Hi 10°C | Lo 3°C Belfast | WEATHER

Belfast Telegraph

UK's nuclear weapons data and other sensitive internet traffic rerouted through Ukraine

PUBLISHED
14/03/2015

Rerouting endangered the data of the many huge companies and government bodies involved

Internet data from the UK's Atomic Weapons Establishment and other sensitive information was being sent through Ukraine, by

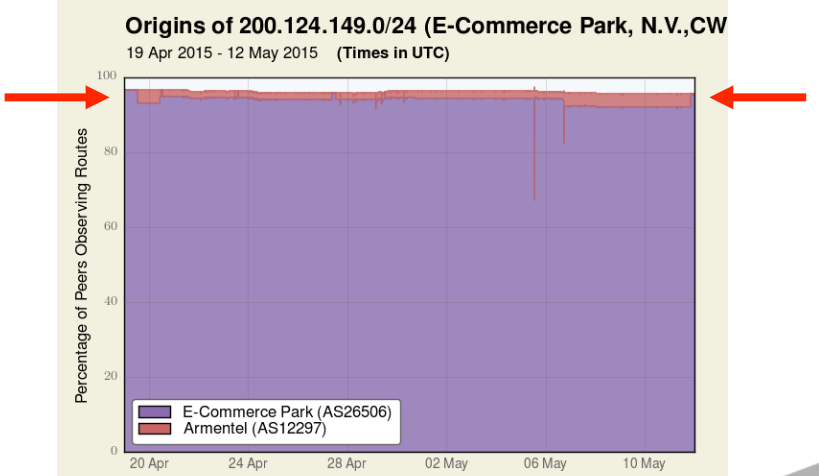
RT QUESTION MORE LIVE

'Innocent mistake': UK's nuclear weapons web data routed through Ukraine

Published time: 14 Mar, 2015 17:24

HMS Victorious is seen berthed at the Clyde Naval Base in Scotland (Reuters/Danny Lawson) / Reuters

- Less than 10% of our BGP peers carried this route in their table for over 3 weeks.
- Peers accepting this route were mostly in Russia and Eurasia.



- Normal traceroute from Minsk to E-Commerce Park:

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trace from Minsk, BY to 200.124.149.208 at 03 39 Apr 01, 2015
1  *                                                              0.0
2  *                                                              0.0
3  178.124.134.50 Minsk, Belarus                  Minsk       Belarus          0.523
4  93.84.125.162  BELTELECOM                      Minsk       Belarus          3.774
5  93.85.80.38    Republican Unitary Telecommunica Minsk      Belarus          2.666
6  93.85.80.86    Republican Unitary Telecommunica Minsk      Belarus          0.685
7  62.115.50.17   TeliaSonera AB                  Warsaw      Poland           9.321
8  62.115.135.182 TeliaSonera AB                  Hamburg     Germany         24.525
9  213.155.131.251TeliaSonera International Carrie Ashburn    United States  111.956
10 62.115.143.161 TeliaSonera AB                  Miami       United States  137.903
11 213.248.86.86  TeliaSonera International Carrie Miami     United States  161.535
12 63.245.5.99    Columbus Networks IP TRANSIT    Miami       United States  156.278
13 190.242.16.46  Columbus Networks de Colombia Li Miami      United States  192.110
14 200.124.149.208 E-Commerce Park Client         Willemstad  Curaçao        189.779
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- Traceroute during routing hijack:

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trace from Minsk, BY to 200.124.149.208 at 01 16 May 08, 2015
1 *                                                              0.0
2 *                                                              0.0
3 178.124.134.50  Minsk, Belarus                  Minsk       Belarus        0.551
4 93.84.125.162   BELTELECOM                      Minsk       Belarus        1.427
5 93.85.80.38     Republican Unitary Telecommunica Minsk      Belarus        5.258
6 93.85.80.66     Republican Unitary Telecommunica Minsk      Belarus        0.688
7 85.26.172.42    Volga Branch of OJSC MegaFon    Moscow      Russia        13.359
8 200.124.149.208 E-Commerce Park Client          Willemstad  Curaçao      238.075
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New path through Megafon in Moscow

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Twenty-Two Charged with Racketeering Conspiracy and Related Crimes Involving Drug Trafficking, Illegal Gambling and Money Laundering

Assistant U. S. Attorneys Andrew Young (619) 546-7981, Mark W. Pletcher (619) 546-9714 or Benjamin Katz (619) 546-9604

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY – January 27, 2015

SAN DIEGO – A federal grand jury sitting in the Southern District of California has charged 22 people with participating in an international narcotics trafficking and illegal gambling ring led by former University of Southern California athlete Owen Hanson.

Early today, authorities arrested 19 people at locations around San Diego, Orange and Los Angeles counties, as well as in Sacramento, Phoenix, Louisiana, and Virginia. Owen Hanson and Giovanni "Tank" Brandolino were previously arrested; Kenny Hilinski remains a fugitive.

the bank was unable to verify the source of the funds in the accounts.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Count 2

(ILLEGAL GAMBLING BUSINESS)

14. Paragraphs 1 through 7 are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference herein.

15. Beginning on a date unknown but at least as early as January 2012, and continuing up to and including January 12, 2016, within the

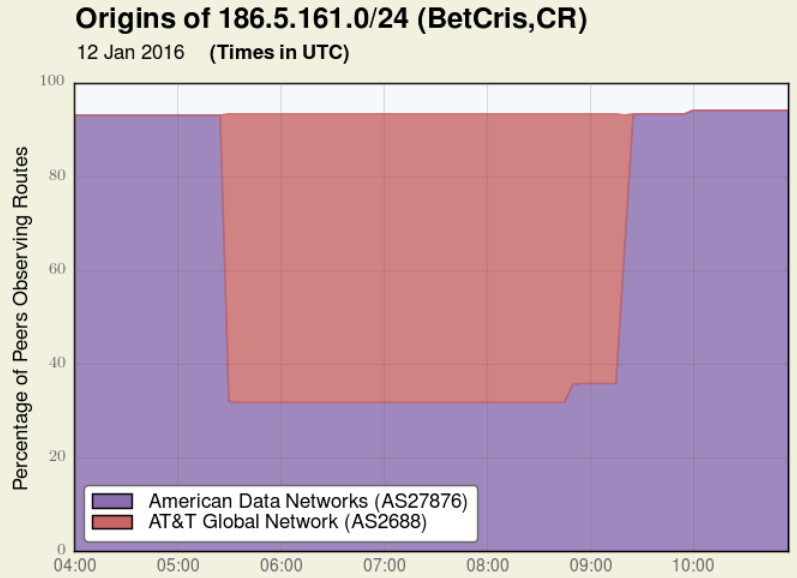
AT&T Hijack of BetCRIS on 12-Jan

BetCRIS

- Online gambling operation
- Hosted in Costa Rica
- Frequent Target of US Law Enforcement

- Route hijacked by AT&T hours before FBI files indictment of ODOG Enterprises
- Traffic redirected to AT&T in Europe

- A simple router misconfig?



- **What to do? No silver bullet.**
- Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security (MANRS)
  - Effort by Internet Society
  - Collection of Best Practices for Operators
- Effective route monitoring

Summary

- Global Internet routing is vulnerable to manipulation
- Hijacks and routing errors can (and do) misdirect traffic
- Fraudulent BGP routing occurring at a near constant pace
- Attribution based on IP addresses and reputation based on ASN are not so simple
- Enterprises and ISPs would do well to monitor their routes

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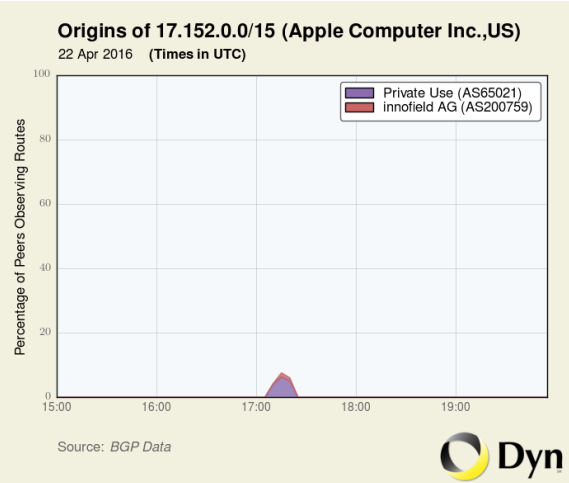
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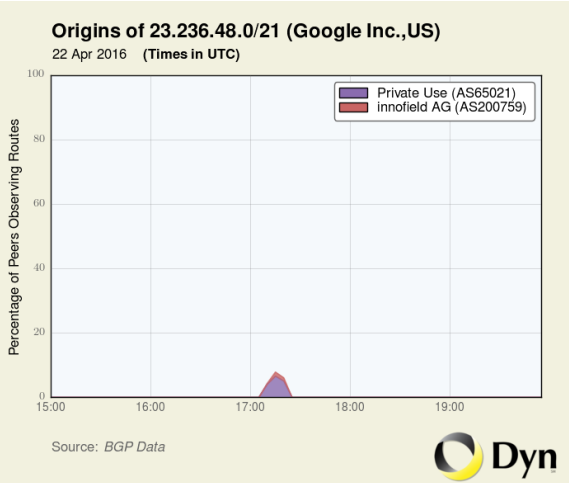
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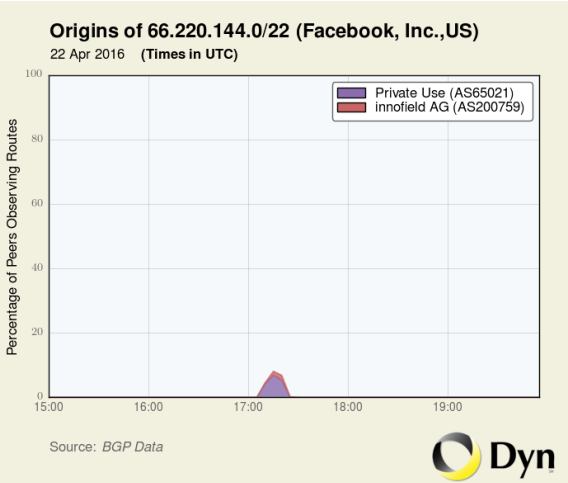
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