

Honeypots as a Security Mechanism

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Honeypot Concept



- **Experiment of Lancer Sptizner**
 - 1999
 - RedHat 5.1

- **Concept:**

A network resource whose function is to be attacked and compromised.

Sptizner

Cooperation for Security



Importance of the Honeypot

Prevention

Detection

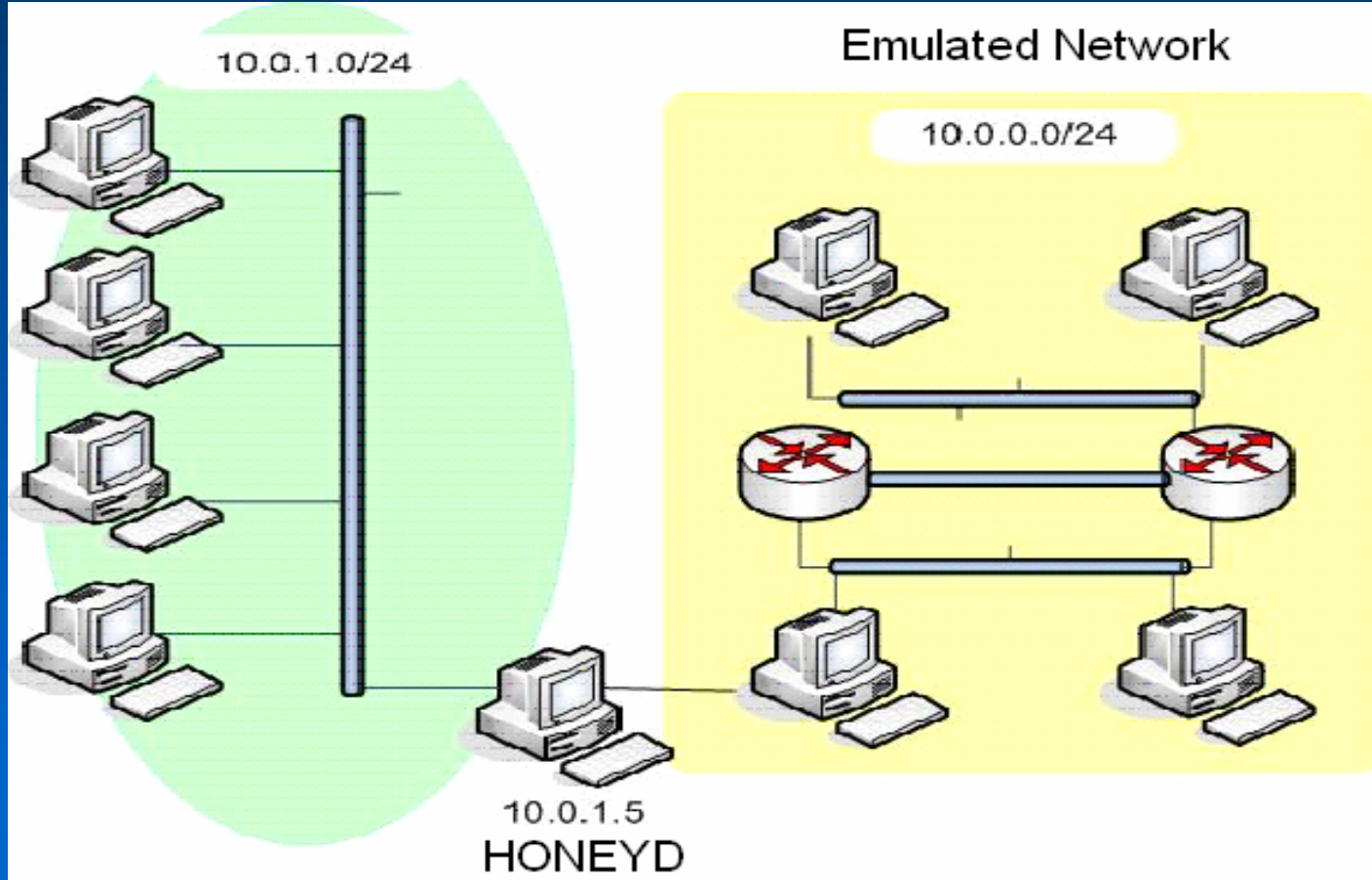
Reaction

Prevention
to the same
attack
already
destined to
one
honeypot

All traffic
destined to
one
honeypot is
malicious

Depends on
the institution
security
politics

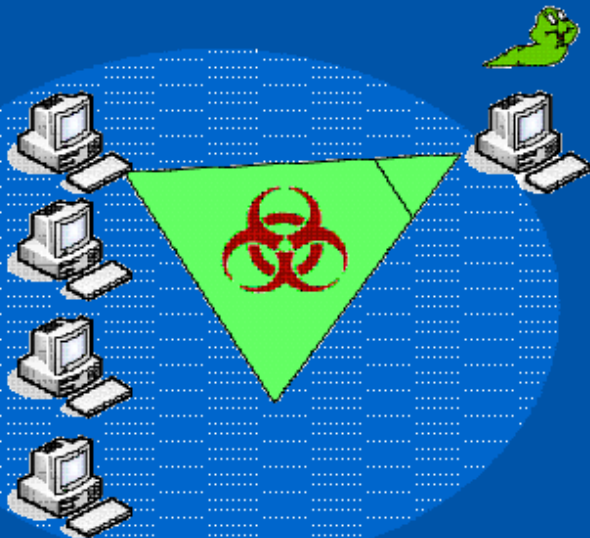
Honeyd Software



Principle of the Proximity

The majority of malwares tries to attack targets next to its addressing space.

“New Fields of Application for Honeypots” – Thorsten Holz



Experiment

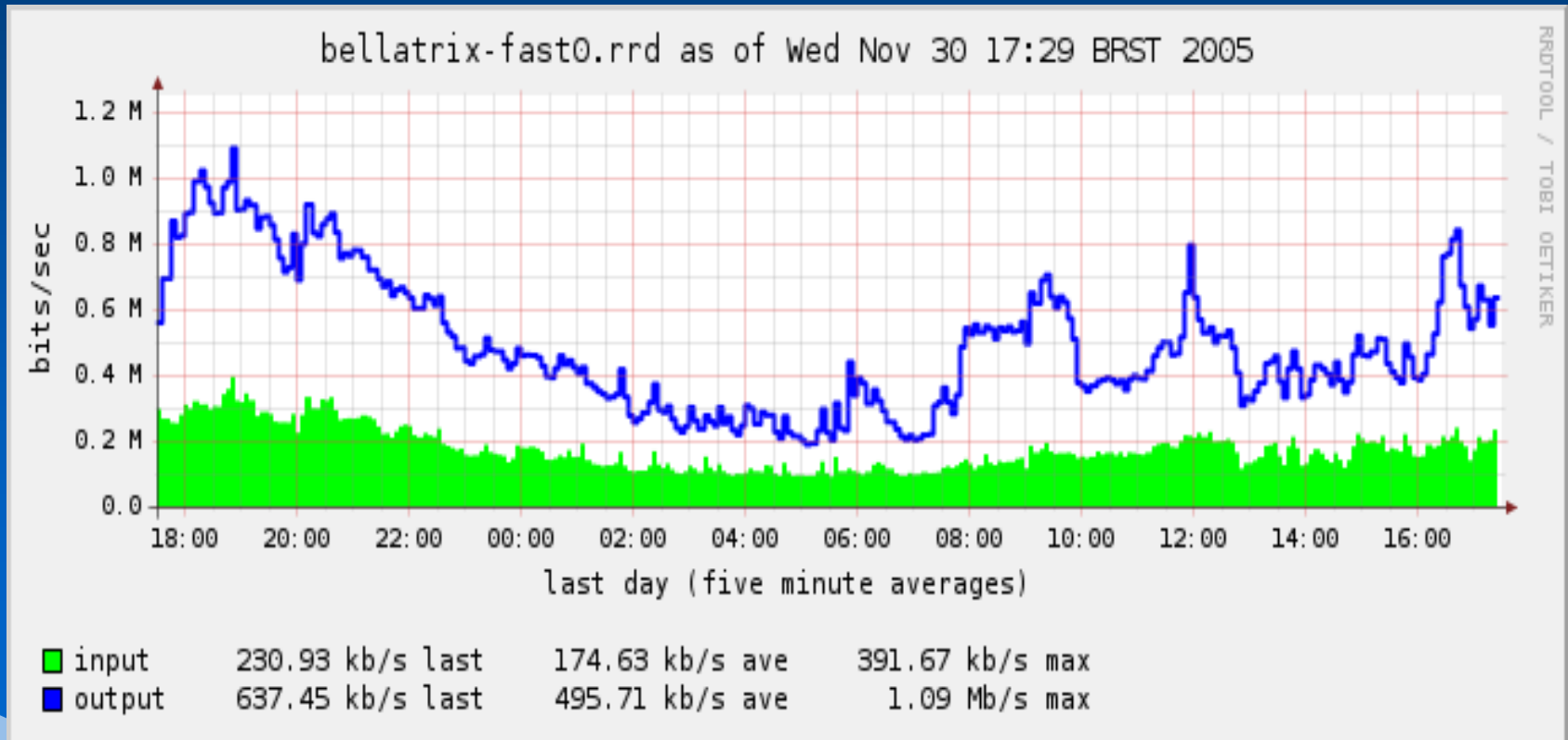
Used blocks IPV4:

Academic	/17
Academic	/18
Comercial	/18
Cable Modem	/20

69.632 emulated computers

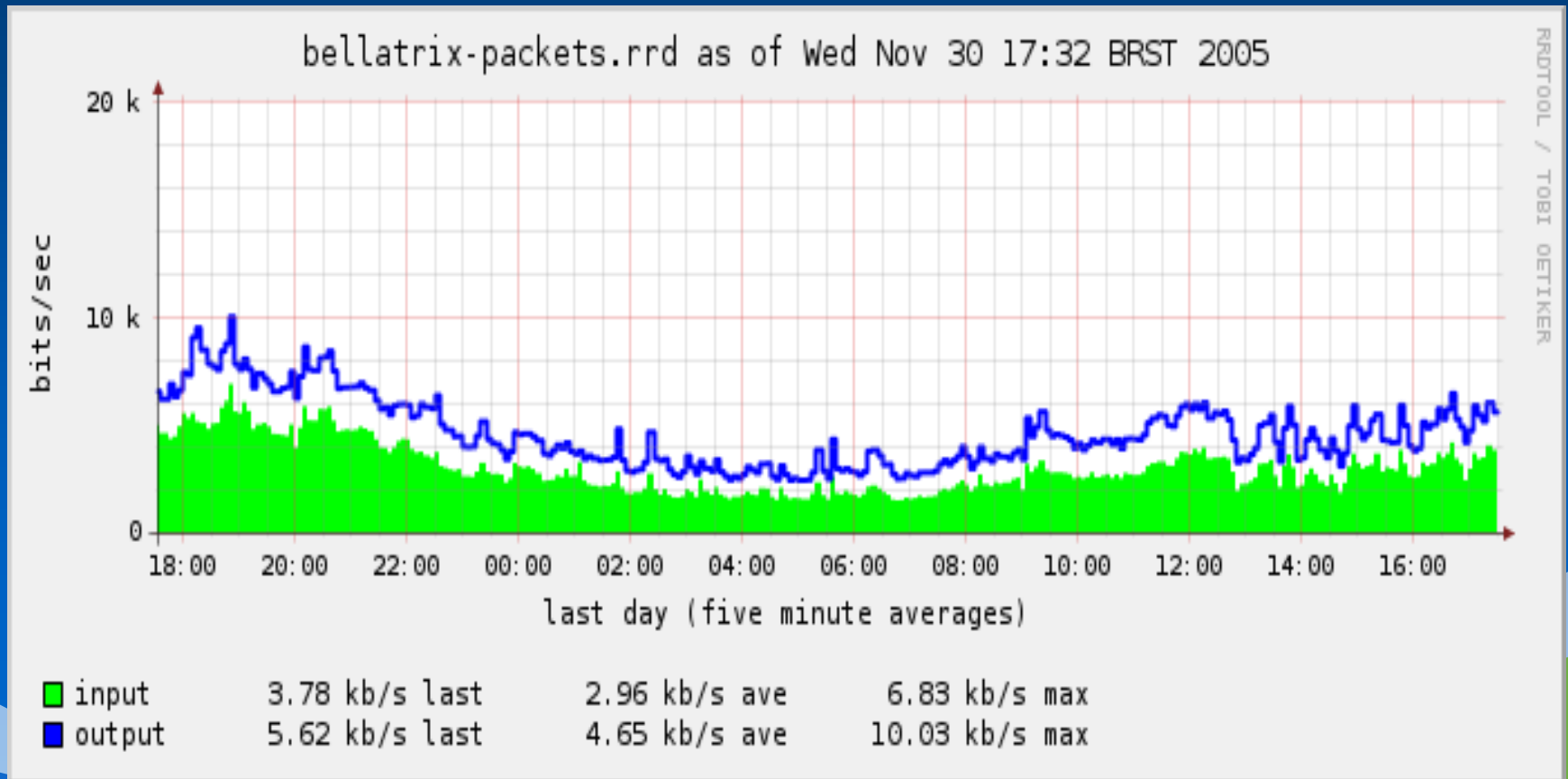
Experiment - Results

Traffic – bit/s



Experiment - Results

Traffic – package/s



Experiment - Results

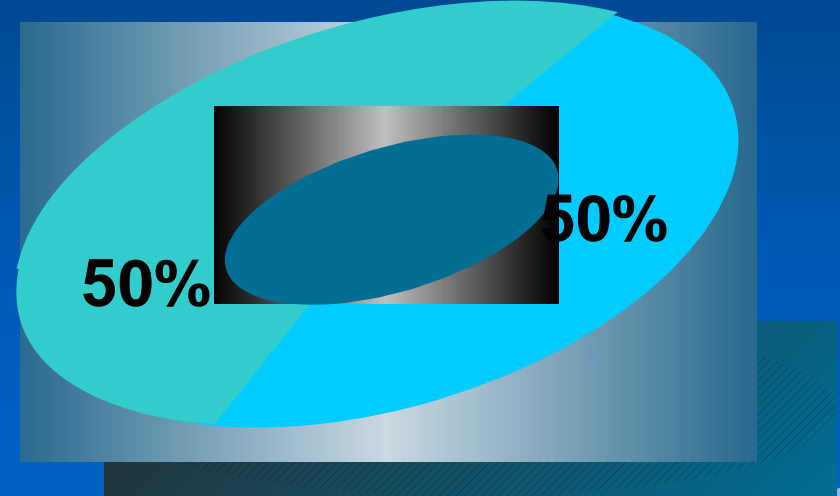
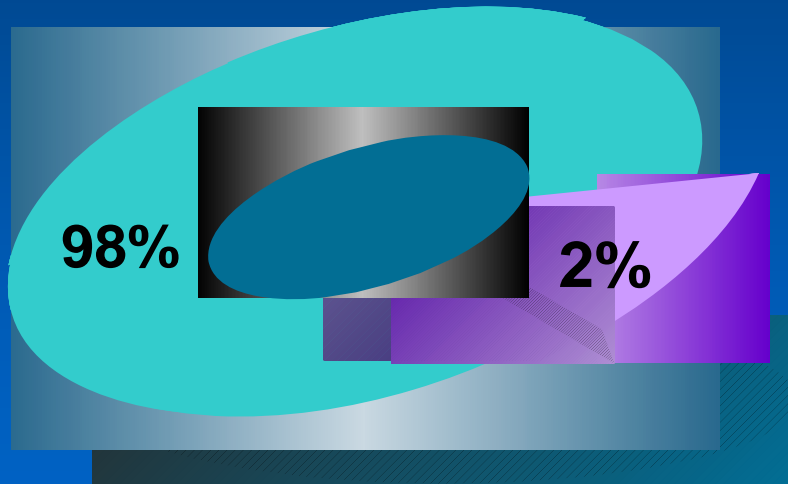
Statistics

Address Space X Number of Access	Access Per day	Access per IP per day	Acces per IP per min
Academic /18	32.145.835	1977,48	2,75
Comercial /18	3.838.989	236,16	0,38
Academic /17	3.941.556	121,23	0,17
Cable Modem /20	5.172.852	1272,85	1,76

Experiment - Results

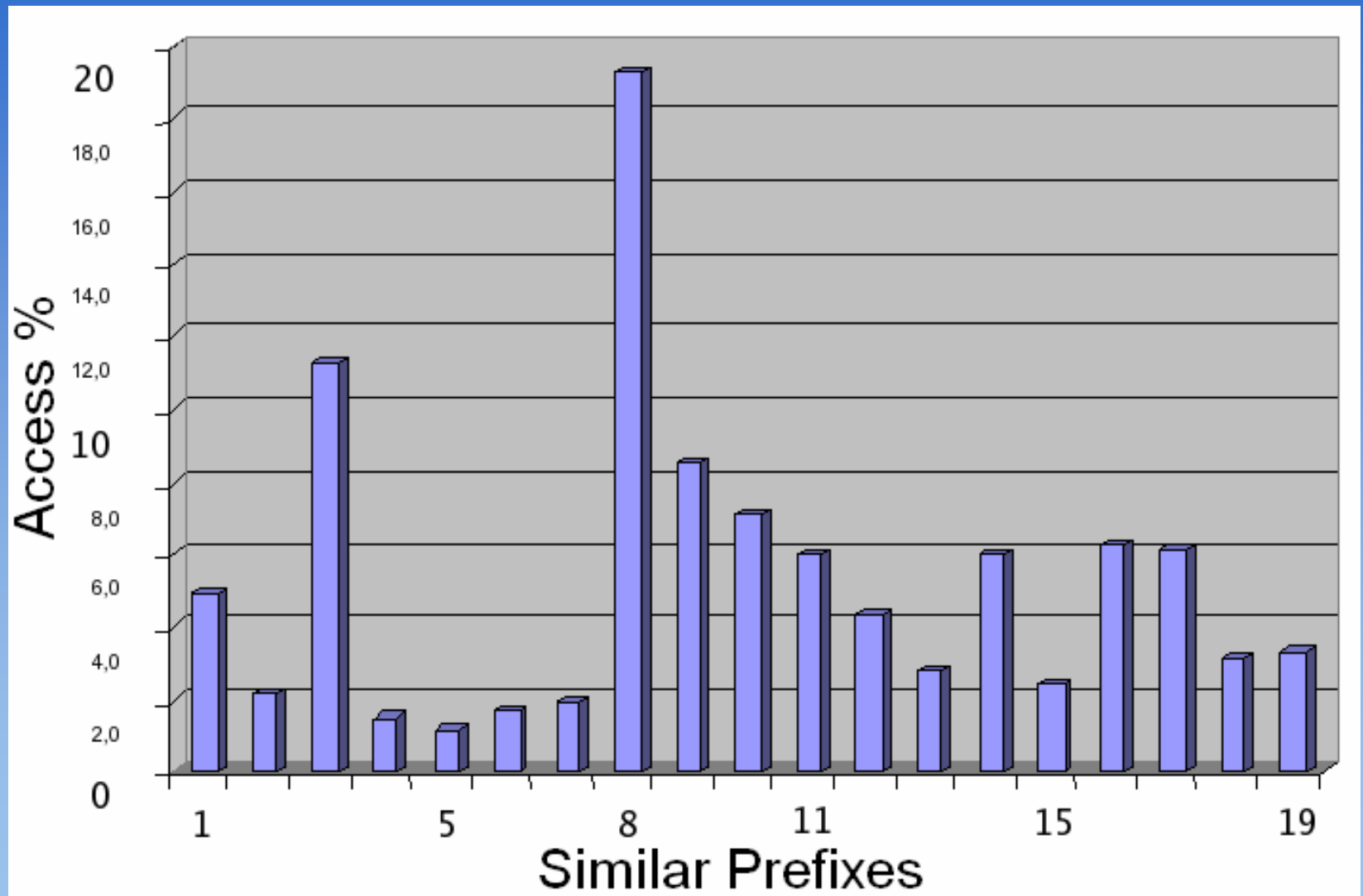
Attack Origin – IP source nationality

Honeypot Brazilian Block



Honeypot before CIDR Block

Experiment - Results



Conclusion



- **Prevention, Detection and Reaction**
- **Principle of Proximity**
- **Honeypots as a security mechanism**

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Questions?



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