



Software and DNS operations at ISC What's new?

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Outline



- BIND
- Operations
 - earthquake
 - DDoS



Current BIND versions



- Current versions of BIND are:
 - Releases: 9.4.0, 9.3.4, 8.4.7
 - Testing: 9.5.0a1



BIND 9.4



- BIND 9.4 includes a few radical new features and needs exhaustive testing
 - Its performance is much better than that of previous BIND 9 releases.
 - Additional cache
 - Architecture dependant lock relief using atomic operation support



Ongoing work



- Things we are working on
 - GSS-TSIG
 - NSEC3
 - New hash support (SHA-256)
 - New resolver library
 - Better, more complete stats and new way of fetching them



GSS-TSIG



- Work started 2 years ago but stumbled on implementation incompatibilities and fuzzy standard interpretation
- Currently finalising details for running on Windows, though it already interoperates with MS Active directory. Just run it on Unix-like OSes.



NSEC3



- This is an example of the work ISC does to implement early standards work into BIND to enable analysis of the work in progress
- Work is being sponsored by Verisign and Nominet



SHA-256



- With the current call on IETF to initiate migration to stronger (than SHA-1) hashes, ISC has implemented SHA-256 in BIND



New resolver library



- Work initially undertaken by Jinmei Tatuya of Toshiba, working at ISC
- Will be used first in conjunction with ISC DHCP
- Current work on integration is ongoing



Other stuff



- ISC support: BIND & DHCP
- ISC BIND training
 - First in USA, then Europe,...
 - Based on Johan Ihren's training material



DNS operations



- ns-ext/ns-any
 - ns-ext.isc.org == ns-ext.vix.com
- Secondary service for TLDs or public interest SLDs
 - Free on best effort basis
 - Fee based if SLA required
- Now going to anycast.
 - Each zone operator can tell us if they wish to use the anycast or unicast service.



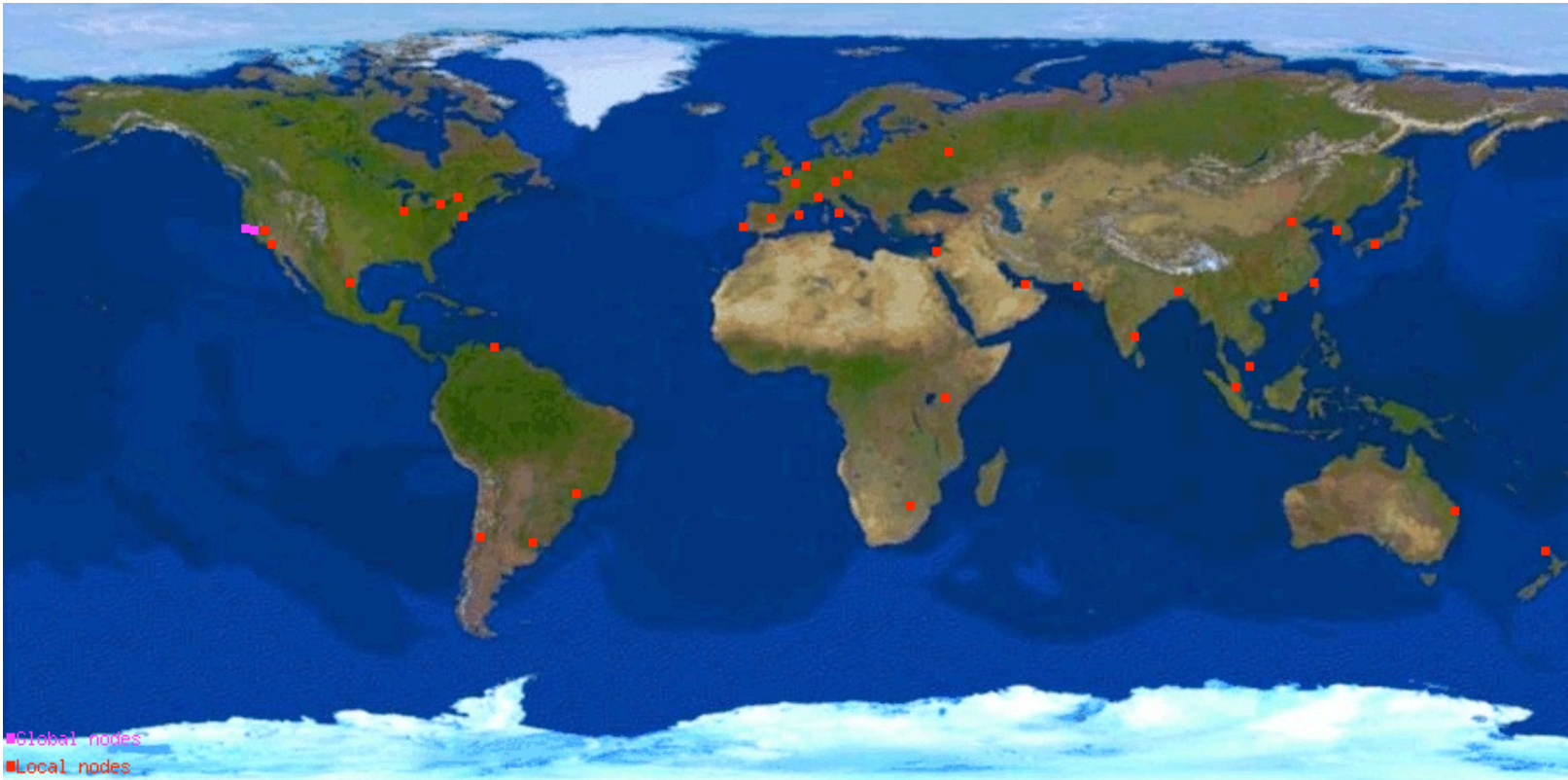
DNS Operations - F root



- More, better, faster :)
- Recent anycast nodes added
 - Caracas
- Looking to install in Fiji very soon
- Agreement with Neustar to install on their DNS Shield product



Nice picture



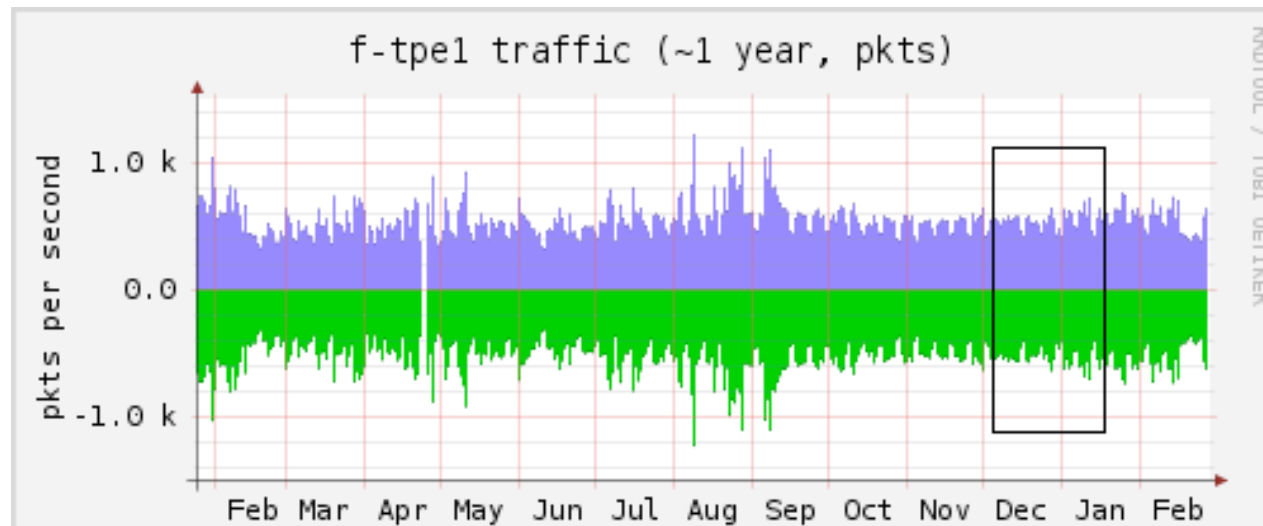
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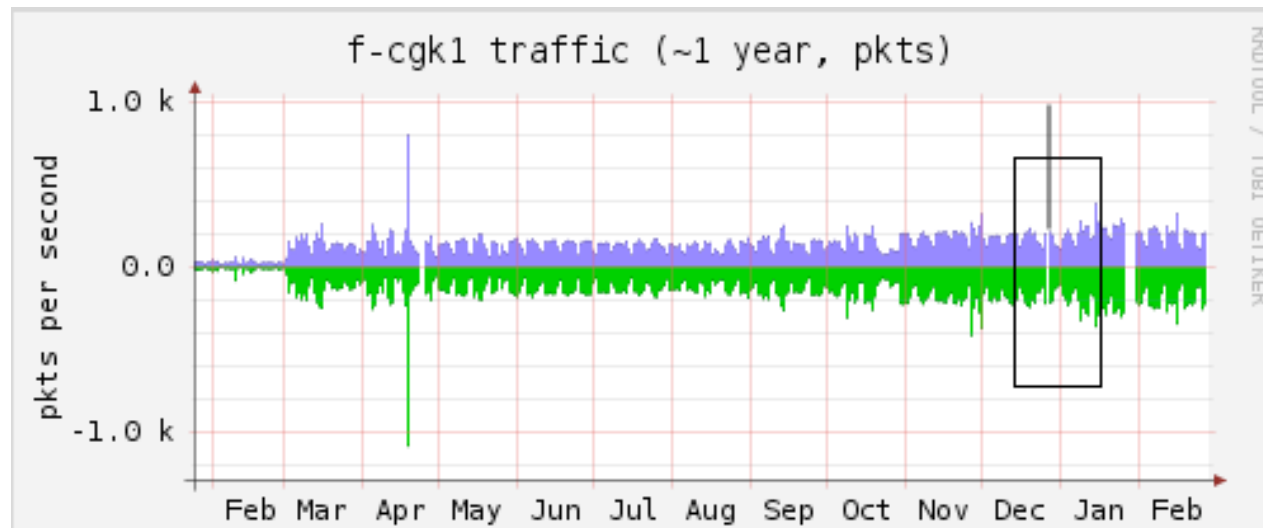
- Examples:
 - Taiwan earthquake
 - DDoS 6 February 2007



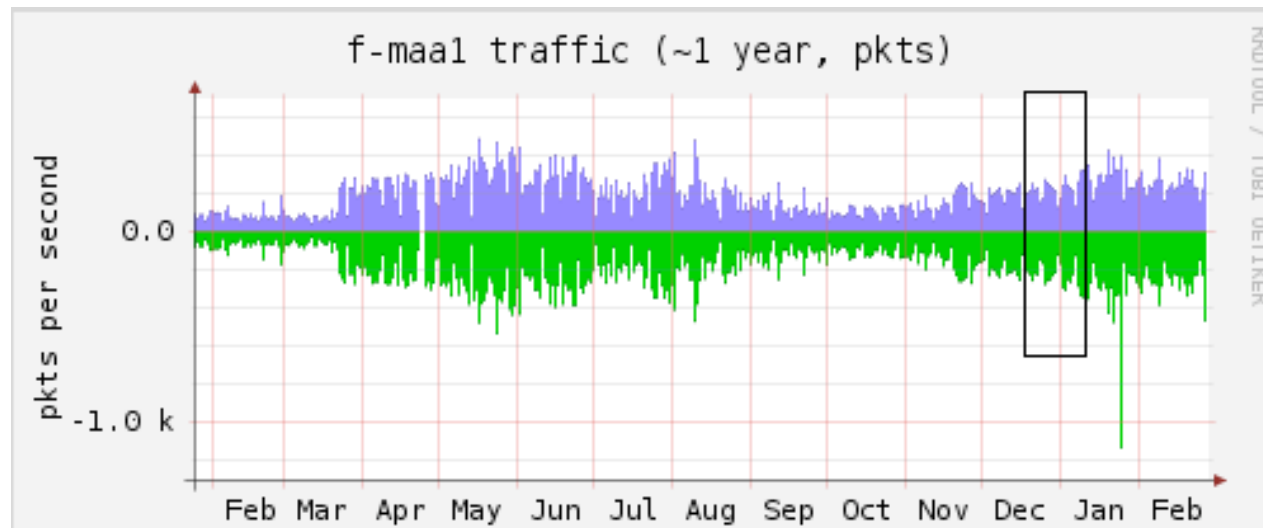
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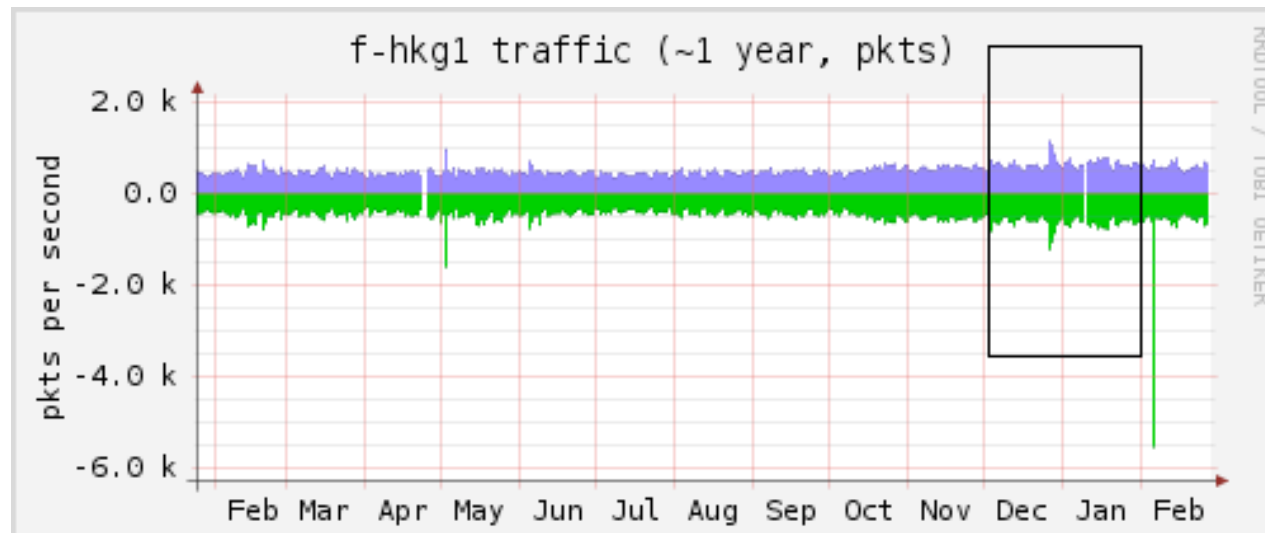
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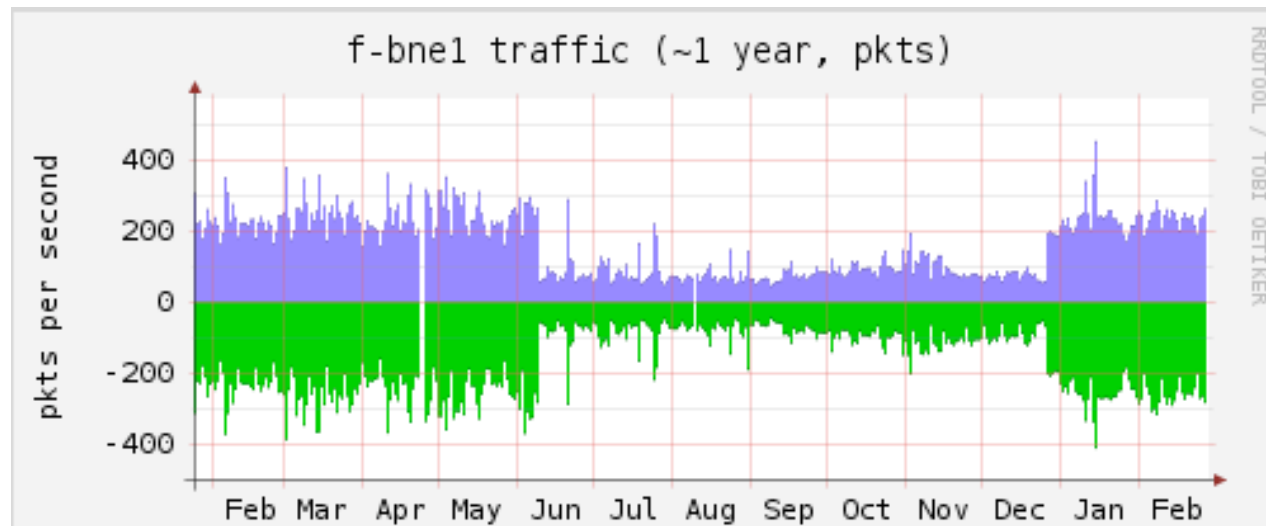
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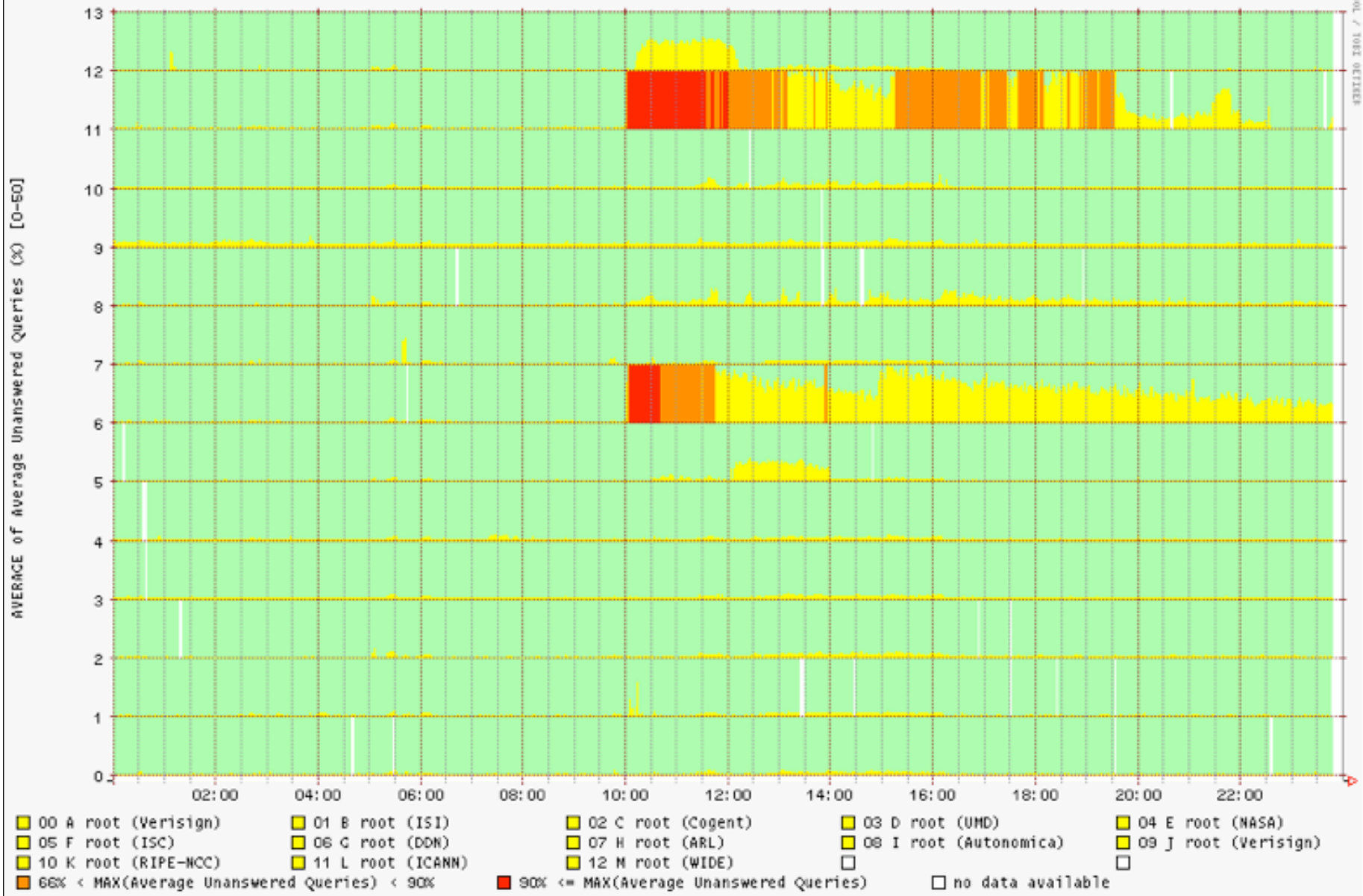
February DDoS



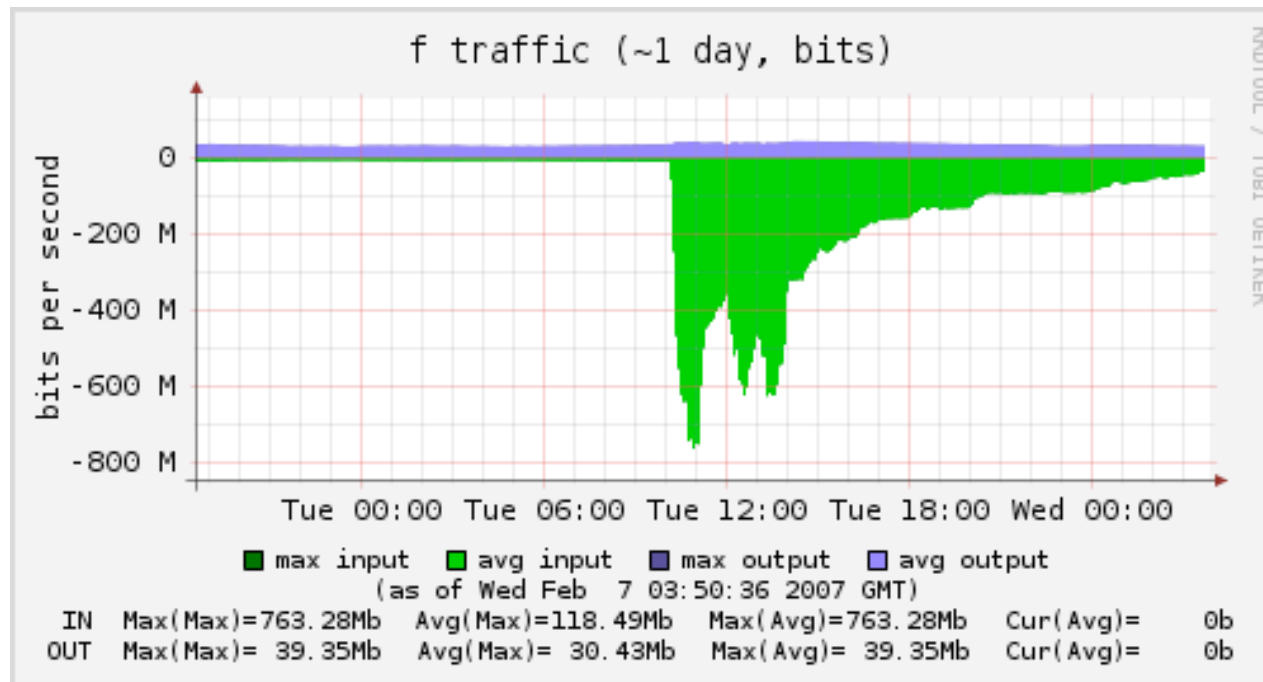
A number of the Internet root and TLD name servers sustained a DDoS attack. While this attack didn't have an impact on the service to end-users it was measured and we'll share the preliminary observations made at F-root including the type, quantity and distribution of attack traffic and how we coped.



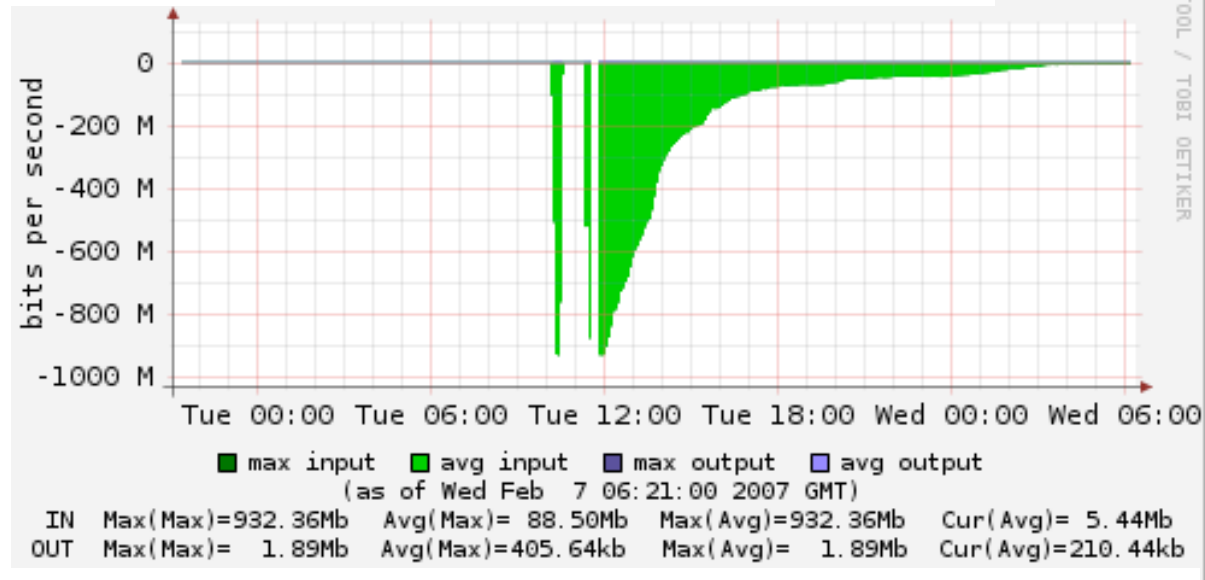
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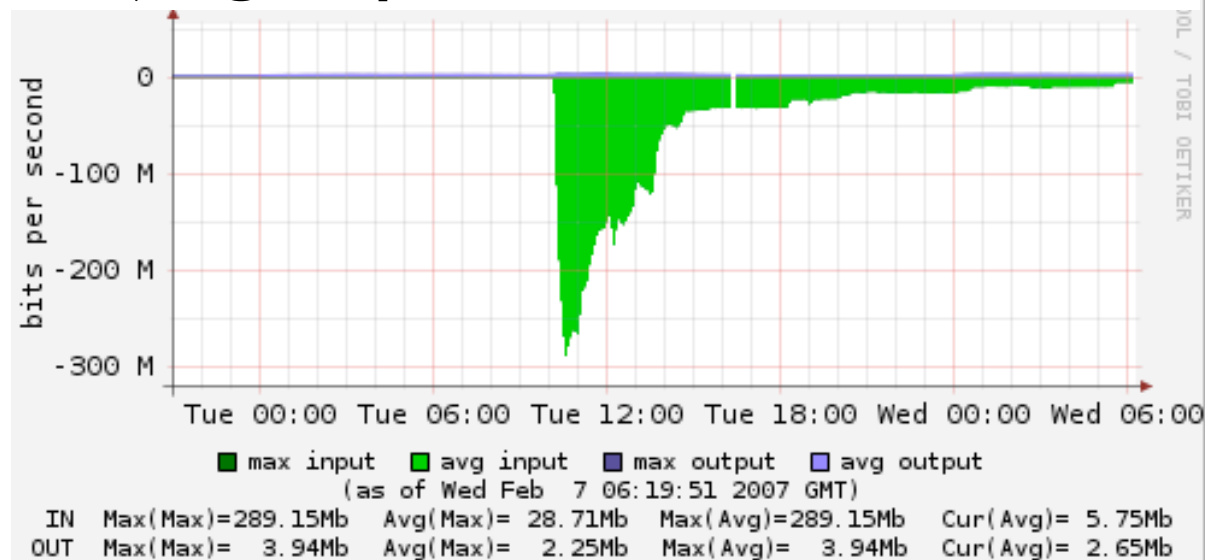
Aggregated traffic on F root



Seoul - capped at 1 Gb/s



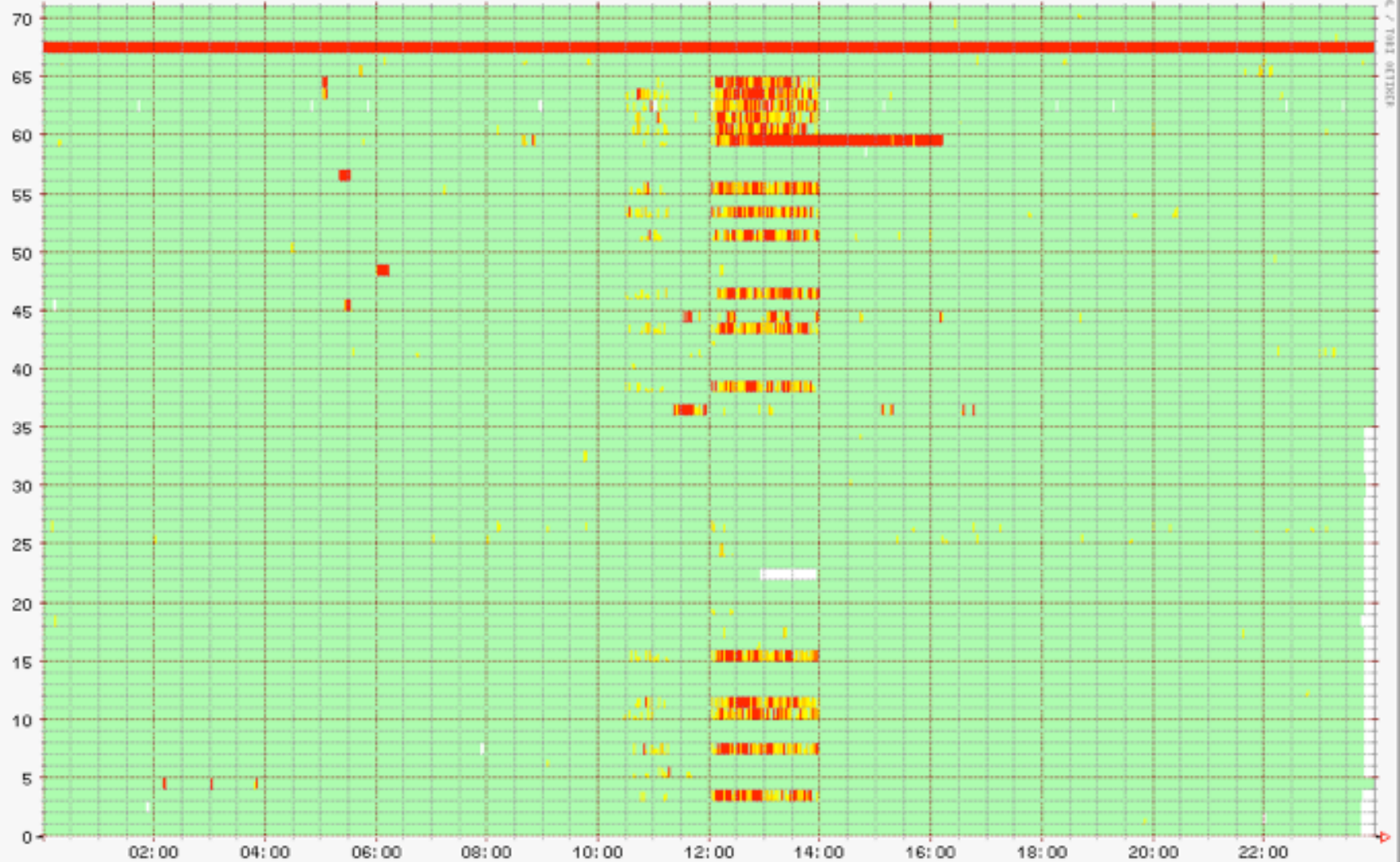
Beijing - peaked at 300Mb/s



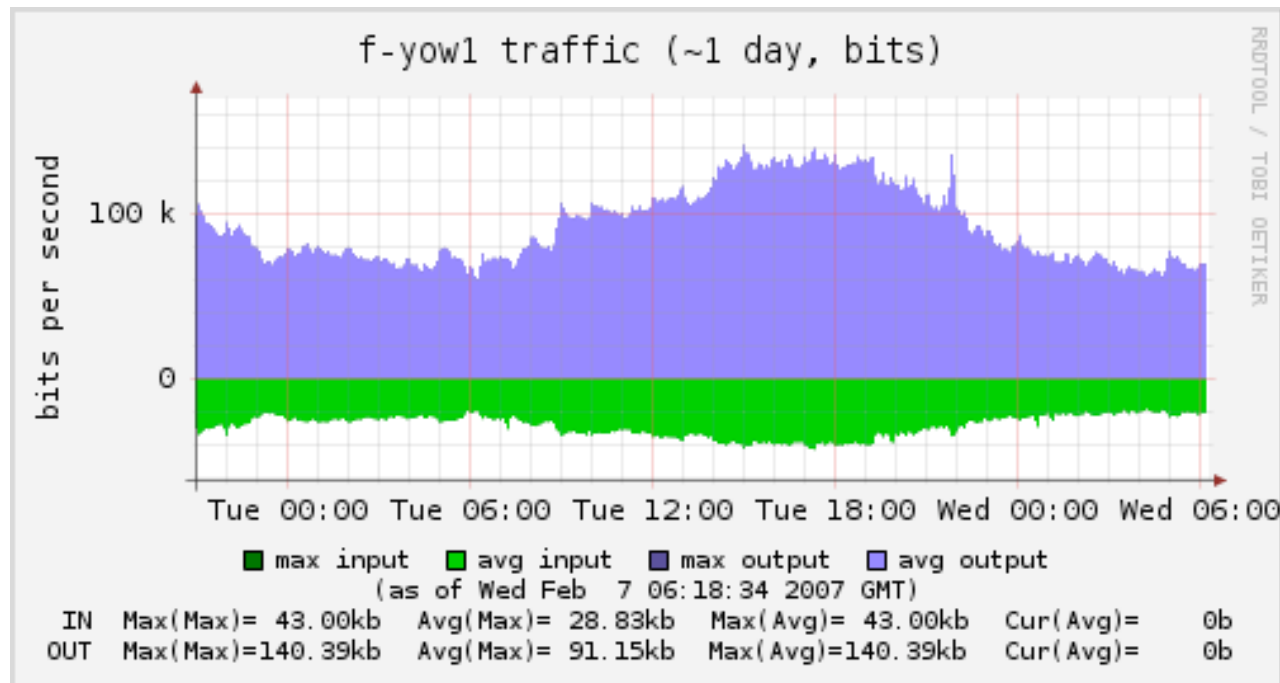
Service impact



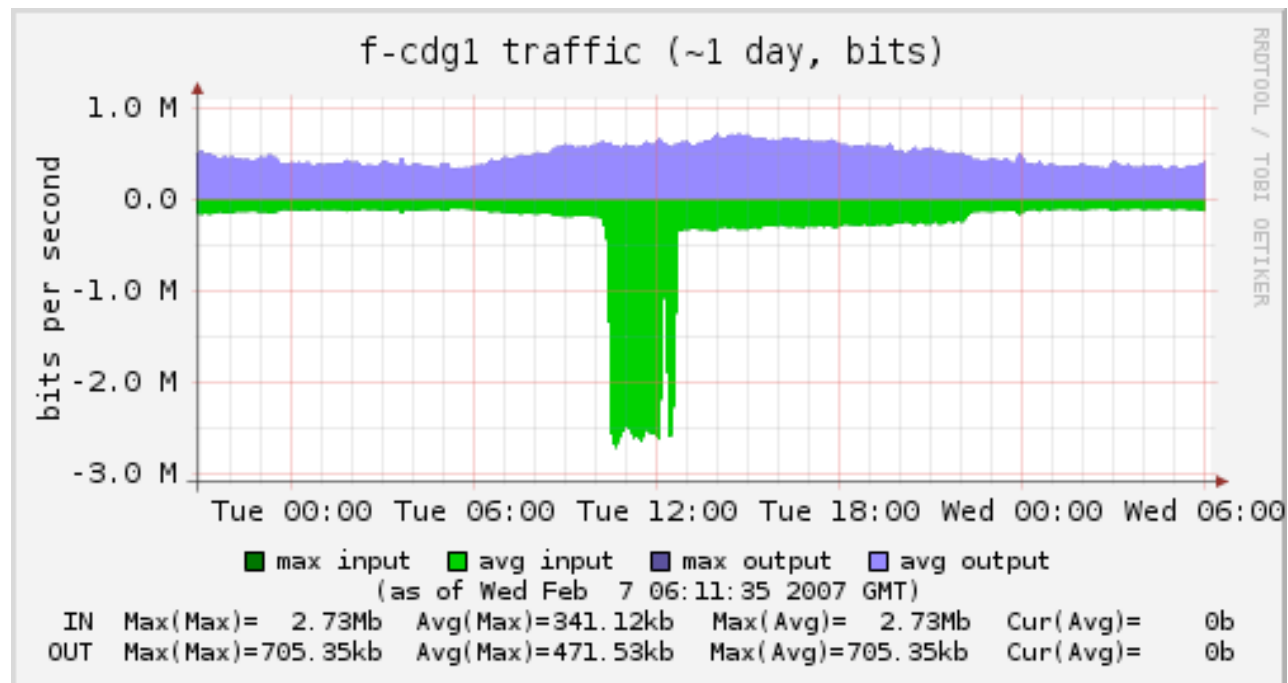
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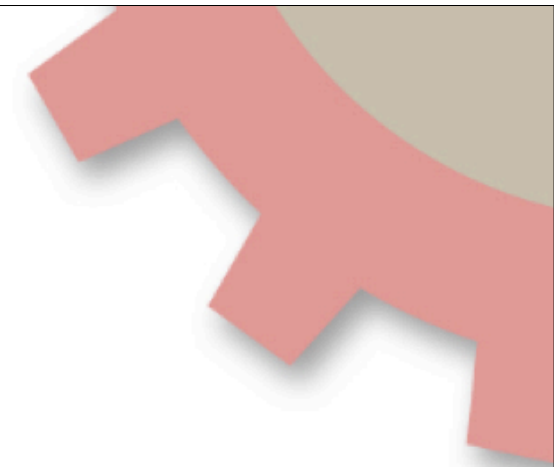
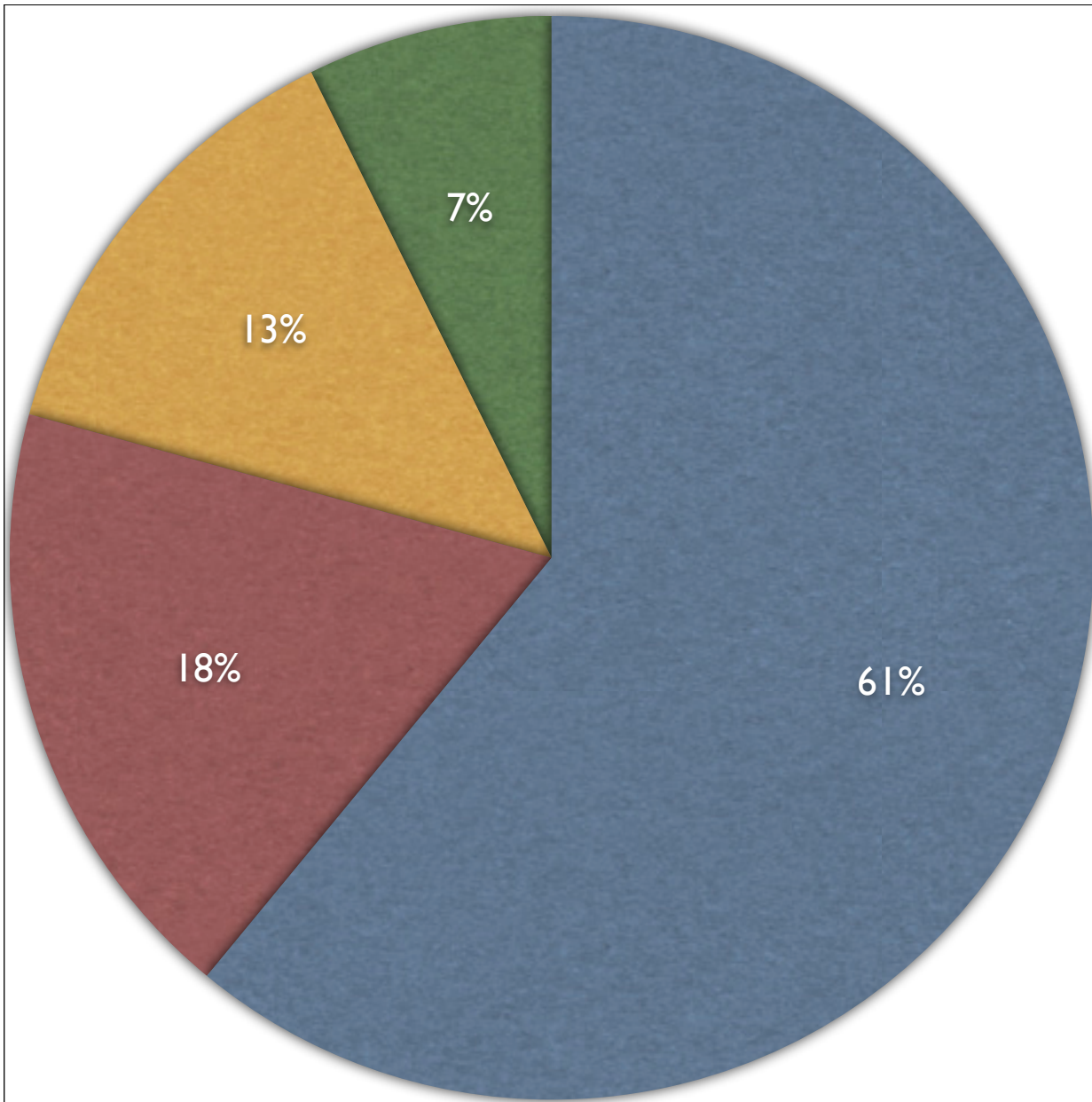


Some nodes got nothing



Others saw peculiar patterns





- Seoul
- Beijing
- San Francisco
- Other

Other equates to 35 F-root anycast nodes



Packet analysis



- Average size was bigger than normal traffic
- Most were more than 350 bytes
- Some were malformed DNS messages
- Contained random QTYPEs (updates, unknown, etc)





Questions?

