DDOS RESILIENCY SCORE (DRS)

"An open standard for quantifying an organization's resiliency to withstand DDoS attacks"

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1. Introduction

The DDoS Resiliency Score, or in short 'DRS', is value denoting the ability of an organization to withstand various degrees of DDoS attacks.
The score is exponential, like the Richter scale for earthquakes. The exponential measurement reflects the large variation of DDoS attacks and enables placing on the same scale very simple, low-volume attacks together with sophisticated, multi-vector, 100Gbps attacks.

The DRS scoring mechanism is based on seven ascending levels of DDoS attacks and the ability to successfully withstand each of them. Each level introduces new types of attacks, more sophisticated attack vectors, and a larger volumes of traffic. Similarly, the requirements on the defending side increase, with each level requiring shorter mitigation response time and smaller latency.

Achieving a score of 3.8, for example, would mean that an organization passed the 3rd level of attacks, but failed with some of the 4th level of attacks.

Due to pragmatic reasons, the highest score is currently set to 7. Possibly, the scale may grow in the future to respond to developments of new DDoS attacks.

2. Usage

The DRS provides a measurement tool, allowing organizations to evaluate in quantitative terms their mitigation strategy and ability to withstand DDoS attacks. The DRS also introduces objectiveness into a field of much debate. For example, it enables comparing the effectiveness of different technologies by assigning a score to each one. Last but not least, the DRS introduces a common language in which management and technical teams can communicate. A score of 4.7 can indicate to management that the mitigation capabilities have improved since the previous score of 3.5, while it also encapsulate a list of specific attack vectors that will and will not be blocked, which the technical teams can analyze. It is furthermore recommended that each DDoS

related decision such as technology investment is measured using DRS to ensure cost efficiency.

The DRS can also be used as a framework, and participating parties are encouraged to introduce derived works that reflect developments in industries or geographic regions. All derivatives that fall under these conditions MUST be public available. As derivatives are only such works allowed, that extend and refine the DRS, but shall not contradict its definitions.

3. Phases Definition

3.1 Phases Abstract Definition

The following is a high level definition of the phases. There are 7 phases. Each phase also has a nick name. In this section each phase is abstractly defined.

PHASE 1 ("poking") - A basic poking attack checks if there is any DDoS resiliency whatsoever. Only 2 vectors at low rate are included here.

PHASE 2 ("script kiddy") - A primitive "script kiddy" DDoS attack. UDP Flood is added. Attack rate slightly increases but is still low.

LEVEL 3 ("basic") - A "basic" DDoS attack with multiple attack vectors. Includes more bandwidth, but not yet sophisticated.

LEVEL 4 ("sophisticated") – This level is the first to include sophisticated attack vectors. For example, UDP Amplified Reflected attacks start at this phase.

LEVEL 5 ("persistent") - Includes persistent attacks: multi-vector, using even more sophisticated attack vectors, and looking for weakness while also increasing in volume. Similar to an Advanced Persistent Attack (APT) attack.

LEVEL 6 ("extreme") - An extreme DDoS attack. Sophistication and volume increase and includes exotic attacks.

LEVEL 7 ("state sponsored") - This level uses all known techniques to break the DDoS defense.

3.2 Considered Resiliency factors

The resiliency of an organization to DDoS attacks is defined by multiple factors listed below. Each of these factors is increased with each level.

Attack vector types – each level introduces more attack vectors in higher sophistication.

Attack vector volume - each level includes attack vector with higher volume. Volume includes mere bandwidth (bits per seconds or BPS), packets per second (PPS) and transaction per second (TPS). Attack volume boundaries are defined in section 3.3.

Attack vector sophistication – each level introduces more sophisticated attack vectors. This is defined in section 3.4.

Mitigation requirements – each level requires the organization to mitigate the attack more effectively, measuring parameters such as mitigation response time, maximal outage time, and latency during mitigation. This is defined in section 3.5.

3.3. Maximal volume per attack level

The following section describes the maximal attack volumes that will be used at each level. Volumes are provided in BPS, PPS, and TPS. Note that each attack vector may not utilize the maximal volume defined for that level.

Maximal volume per phase			
Phase	BPS	PPS	TPS
1	100 Mbps	25K	500
2	1 Gbps	250K	5 K
3	10 Gbps	2M	50 K
4	100 Gbps	25M	200 K
5	500 Gbps	125M	1 M
6	1 Tbps	250M	5 M
7	5 Tbps	1B	25 M

3.4 Attack Vector Sophistication Properties

In each level, attacks become more advanced not only in their sheer size or type of attack vectors, but also in the properties of each attack. For example, IP Address Spoofing is a technique used in DDoS to generate more effective attacks. Spoofing and other techniques used to create more effective attacks will be referred as 'Sophistication Properties'. Loosely, Sophisticated Properties are the equivalent of 'evasion techniques' used for non-DDoS attacks.

The following section describes each property, states in which phase it is first introduced ("Start at Phase"), and to which attack vectors it is applicable ("Applicable to").

3.4.1 IP Address Spoofing

IP Address Spoofing (in short 'Spoofing') is the creation of Internet Protocol (IP) packets with a forged source IP address.

Property Name	Spoofing
Starts at level	2
Applicable to	Stateless attacks

3.4.2 URL Randomization

URL Randomization is a technique used to produce a more effective DDoS attack, which can bypass some mitigation technologies as well as caching-based protection methods. It is used in HTTP/S web-based attack. Randomization can either be done in the Path or Parameters or both.

Property Name	URL Randomization
Starts at level	4
Applicable to	HTTP and HTTPS

3.4.3 Hiding the Attack Tools Fingerprints

Many tools used for attacks leave fingerprints in the attacking packets. For example, the headless-browser

PhantomJS states by default its name in the User-Agent field. This allows mitigation technologies to block the attack using a signature. However, sophisticated attackers will strive to hide their attack tools fingerprints that are not essential.

Property Name	Hide Attack Tool Fingerprint
Starts at level	6
Applicable to	Attack vectors original from tools that have fingerprints

3.4.4. Attacking the network directly

DDoS mitigation often uses an architecture in which a CDN or large reverse proxies are placed in front of the web services as a protection layer. However, sophisticated attackers will attempt to reveal the origin network or IP address and attack directly, making the mitigation layer completely useless.
When this sophistication layer is enabled the attack should strive first to reveal the origin network or IP addresses and attack them directly. In case they origin is not found or the attack is ineffective the attack will be as normal (targeting the domain name).

Property Name	Attacking the network directly
Starts at level	6
Applicable to	All attacks

3.4.5. Geo-Restriction Policy Evasion

Many target organizations enforce strict geographical traffic filtering (Geo-IP blocking or whitelisting) as a primary layer of defense. For example, financial institutions or localized critical infrastructure may entirely drop inbound traffic originating outside their operational countries. To bypass this mitigation, sophisticated attackers analyze the target's regional constraints and deliberately deploy botnet nodes hosted within the whitelisted boundaries. This ensures the traffic penetrates regional access control lists (ACLs).

Property Name	Geo-Restriction Policy Evasion
Starts at level	5
Applicable to	All attacks

3.5 Mitigation Requirements per Level

Resiliency is also a factor of the defending entity. An organization that is able to fully mitigate an attack after ten seconds is more resilient than one that can mitigate the same attack after ten minutes. This parameter is referred to as 'Mitigation Response Time'.

Another parameter is ‘Latency’. A service that under an on-going attack has 1 millisecond extra latency is more resilient than a service that suffers from an extra 1 second latency.

Another critical parameter is 'Maximal Outage', which is tightly coupled with the organization's disaster recovery and operational continuity plans. When an attack successfully penetrates the initial protection layers, such as during the brief window before automated mitigation measures fully activate, the duration of the service disruption is not necessarily limited to that initial penetration window. For instance, if an intense volumetric burst overloads a firewall's CPU in the first 5 minutes of an attack, the device may crash for 2 hours. The 'Maximal Outage' parameter accounts for the total time required to fully restore the infrastructure to a healthy state, measuring dependencies such as whether the system recovery, rebooting, or failover processes are manual or automated.

All indicated parameters are inserted into the score in a similar manner, that each level has growing requirements. An attack vector will be considered passed if all attacked services quickly become functional and with reasonable latency.

3.5.1 Mitigation Response Time requirements

Mitigation Response Time for each level is defined as follows:

Level	Maximal Outage
1	6 hours
2	4 hours
3	1 hours
4	10 minutes
5	5 minutes
6	1 minutes
7	20 seconds

3.5.2 Latency requirements

Latency is defined as the delta or extra time in the roundtrip an average packet in the service. The delta is in comparison to the normal roundtrip time not under attack.

Level	Maximal latency
1	10 seconds
2	5 seconds
3	3 seconds
4	2 seconds
5	1.5 seconds
6	1 seconds
7	0.5 seconds

3.5.3 Magnitude of Bots per Phase

The intensity of a DDoS attack is not solely based on the volume or type of traffic but also on the number of bots participating in the attack. Sophisticated attackers have access to vast networks of compromised devices, enabling them to launch significant attacks. To fully understand and prepare for potential attacks, it is essential to consider

the number of bots that might be used at each level of an attack.

Level	Maximal bots count
1	10 bots
2	50 bots
3	500 bots
4	1,000 bots
5	5,000 bots
6	50,000 bots
7	1M bots

3.5.4 Attack Campaign Persistence per Phase

The duration of an attack can reflect its complexity and the tenacity of the attackers. Longer, more persistent attacks generally require a more concerted effort and advanced resources. The following table specifies the maximum length of time each attack full ongoing campaign is expected to persist per level:

Level	Persistence Duration
1	1 hour
2	12 hours
3	24 hours
4	7 days
5	30 days
6	6 months
7	1 year

4. Attack Vectors

The following section defines the attack vectors that are used in each level. At first the Attack Vector types are defined as 'SYN Floods' and 'UDP Flood' are examples of Attack Vector Types. Then the Attack Vectors are defined which are based on the Attack Vector Types but also include rates and sophistication properties. For example, '111001 SYN Flood: vol_pps= 5K' and '211001 SYN Flood: vol_pps= 50K, ip_spoofing' represents two different Attack Vectors, that are based on the same type.

4.1 Attack Vector Notation

Each attack vector will be specified in the following format

<ID> <Attack Vector Name> <Properties>

4.1.1 Attack Vector ID (ID)

The Attack Vector ID, specified in short as 'ID', is a unique number representing the attack vector. The ID is a 6-digit number with the following format: PFANNN

Where each digit, represented by a letter stands for

Digit	Definition
P	The level of the attack vector
F	Attack vector family
A	The first level this attack vector appears
NNN	Unique number assign to each Attack Vector Type

'FANNN' also represents a unique Attack Vector Type identifier and when 'P' is prepended it represent a unique Attack Vector identifier.

4.1.1.1. Attack Vector Family Enumeration

The following table defines the Attack Vector Family enumeration which is used as part of the Attack Vector Type.

Digit	Attack Vector Family
1	Network Attacks - TCP
2	Network Attacks – UDP
3	Network Attacks – Other (e.g. ICMP)
4	HTTP/S Application Attacks
5	Low-and-Slow
6	Non-HTTP/S Application Attacks (e.g. SIP)

4.1.2. Attack Vector Types

The name of the attack vector (as defined in section 4.2)

4.1.3. Attack Vector Properties

Throughout the different levels the same attack vectors are used. For example, SYN Flood will be used at all levels, but each time its intensity and sophisticated is increased. The intensity of SYN Flood in Level 1 is 10K PPS, in Level 2 it is 100K PPS, and so on.

4.1.4.1 Attack Vector Properties - Volume

Property Notation	Description
vol_bps=VALUE	attack volume in bits-per-second as define by field VALUE.
vol_pps=VALUE	attack volume in packets-per-second as define by field VALUE.
vol_cps=VALUE	attack volume in connection-per--second as define by field VALUE.
vol_tps=VALUE	attack volume in transactions-per--second (AKA request-per-seconds) as define by field VALUE.

VALUE will be specified as numeric value commonly with 'K', 'M', 'G' representing 'Kilo', 'Mega' and 'Giga' respectively.

4.1.4.1 Attack Vector Properties – Sophistication Properties

The attack vectors Sophistication Properties are defined in section 3.4. This section defines the notation for each one.

Property Notation	Sophisticate Property (section specified)
ip_spoofing	IP Address Spoofing (3.4.1)
url_rand	URL Randomization (3.4.2)

no_fingerprint	Hiding Attack Vector Fingerprint (3.4.3)	
direct_ip	Attacking the network directly (3.4.4)	
Geo-Restriction Policy Evasion	Deploy botnet according to Geo-Policy ACLs (3.4.5)	

4.2. Attack Vectors Types Specification

The following section specifies the attack vectors by order of appearance in the different Levels. The names used are industry acceptable names and additional information about attack vectors can be found on the web.

The attacks are specified in the following format

<ID> <name>
<Description & specification>
Newline

11001 SYN Flood

A flood of TCP SYN packets, data size should be 0.

51002 HTTP/S GET Flood

A flood of HTTP or HTTPS requests, designed to overwhelm web servers.

22003 UDP Flood

A flood of UDP packets, data size should be large or maximal, potentially targeting port 80 or 443.

13004 TCP RST Flood

A flood of RST packets.

33005 ICMP Flood

A flood of ICMP ping packets. Data size SHOULD be large.

23006 NTP Reflection Flood

An NTP Reflected flood the using MONLIST argument

14007 TCP PSH+ACK Flood

A flood of PSH+ACK packets. The data size SHOULD be small or zero.

14008 TCP SYN+ACK Flood

A SYN+ACK flood targeting the handshake process to destabilize network connections.

14009 TCP ACK Flood

A flood of ACK packets. The data size SHOULD be small or zero.

14010 TCP FIN Flood

A flood of TCP FIN packets. The data size SHOULD be small or zero.

54011 DNS Query Flood

A flood of DNS queries designed to overwhelm DNS servers with excessive requests.

24012 UDP Multi-vector Flood

A combined attack using various UDP-based vectors to target different network vulnerabilities.

24013 DNS Garbage Flood

A flood of UDP packets. DST Port must be 53. The data is garbage (not proper DNS request or reply). Data size SHOULD be large.

55014 HTTP/S Flood Cookie Support

An HTTP Flood in which the attack tool is able to support cookie and respond to an HTTP 302 Redirect response.

55015 HTTP/S Search Page Flood

An HTTP flood targeted at one or more search functions in the attacked website.

55016 HTTP/S Login Flood

An HTTP flood aimed at login pages, designed to exploit resource-intensive processes.

85017 HTTP/S Large File Download Flood

A targeted attack on large file downloads to consume significant bandwidth and server resources.

55018 DNS Recursive Flood

A flood on DNS packet in which the subdomain is ever changing (1000.ddostarget.com, 1001.ddostarget.com)

85019 HTTP/S Slow POST

Slow Post is an HTTP/S based low-and-slow DDoS attack using POST request with large Content-Length, however the attacker send the data byte-by-byte keep the connection ever open.

85020 SSL Renegotiation

A low-and-slow HTTPS based attack. Using the SSL-Renegotiation option the attack causes the server to renegotiate the SSL that consumes large compute power.

35021 IPSEC Flood

A flood targeting IPSEC protocols and ports, aimed at disrupting secure communication channels.

85022 HTTP/2.0 Continuation Flood

An attack using HTTP/2.0 continuation frames to exhaust server processing capacities by sending fragmented headers.

85023 Rapid Reset

A flood involving rapid resets of HTTP/2.0 connections, designed to destabilize communication and exhaust system resources.

25024 Multi-protocol Flood

A complex flood that utilizes multiple protocols including ICMP, UDP, and TCP to achieve widespread network disruption.

55025 HTTPS Flood Headless Browse

An HTTP/S flood in the attacking client is a headless browser and therefore encompasses all the technologies and libraries of a normal browser and can pass multiple standard DDoS mitigation challenges.

55026 HTTPS Flood JavaScript Support

An HTTP/S flood in the attacking client is able to process JavaScript (JS) and therefore pass standard JS DDoS mitigation challenges.

56027 Multi-Vector Flood

A sophisticated attack that layers multiple types of flooding to target various aspects of network infrastructure simultaneously, aiming to exploit different vulnerabilities within the network stack. This

flood operates across both application layer (Layer 7) and network/transport layers (Layers 3/4).

26028 UDP Amplification Flood

A UDP amplification attack that significantly increases the volume of incoming traffic to the victim by exploiting public-facing services.

57029 QUIC HTTP/3 Flood

A flood utilizing the QUIC protocol and HTTP/3, designed to maximize efficiency and impact through high-speed, multiplexed connections.

17030 Large Payload SYN Flood

A flood of TCP SYN packets with very large payloads, designed to overwhelm network equipment and processing capabilities. Also known as Tsunami Flood.

17031 GRE Flood

A flood using Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE) protocols and ports, aimed at disrupting network communication channels.

454016 Pulse Wave / Hit & Run Flood

A series of brief, maximum-capacity volumetric bursts (lasting seconds to a minute) designed to suddenly shock network infrastructure, cause immediate resource exhaustion, and drop before automated mitigation defences can fully engage.

353007 API Unformatted Payload Flood

A flood of raw, structurally invalid text, targeting public API endpoints, forcing the application gateway parser to consume excessive CPU cycles attempting to read or decode the unformatted incoming traffic.

454015 API Formatted Unauthenticated Flood

A flood of syntactically correct and perfectly formatted JSON or XML payloads targeting public API endpoints that do not contain the authenticated session token (such as JWT).

55029 API Authenticated Request Flood

A flood targeting protected API endpoints utilizing valid authorization tokens (such as JWT or OAuth), successfully bypassing basic API gateway security

filters and forcing backend applications to process resource-intensive database updates.

565032 Non-HTTP/S Application Floods

Application flood that aren't HTTP/S-based. For example, SIP Reflection Flood is a reflected amplification flood targeting Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) VoIP infrastructure.

545033 Fragmented Network Floods

Network floods consisting fragmented packets with payload. Common examples are fragmented TCP packets containing the ACK flag, forcing the target's stateful firewalls and deep packet inspection (DPI) systems to waste memory resources, or large UDP packets split across multiple IP fragments forcing network security devices to hold the fragments in memory buffers for reassembly, leading to buffer exhaustion.

4.3 Attack Vector per Level Specification

The following attack vectors are included in each of the levels. The format used will be

<ID> <Attack Vector name> : <Attack Vector properties >

Notation	Vector Name	Properties
111001	SYN Flood	vol_pps=25K, max_out=6h, max_latency=10s, max_bots=10, persistence=1 hour
151002	HTTP/S GET Flood	vol_tps=500, max_out=6h, max_latency=10s, max_bots=10, persistence=1 hour

Notation	Vector Name	Properties
211001	SYN Flood	vol_pps=250K, ip_spoofing, max_out=4h, max_latency=5s, max_bots=50, persistence=12 hours
251002	HTTP/S GET Flood	vol_tps=5K, max_out=4h, max_latency=5s, max_bots=50, persistence=12 hours
222003	UDP Flood	vol_bps=1G, ip_spoofing, max_out=4h, max_latency=5s, max_bots=50, persistence=12 hours

Notation	Vector Name	Properties
311001	SYN Flood	vol_pps=2M, ip_spoofing, max_out=1h, max_latency=3s, max_bots=500, persistence=24 hours
351002	HTTP/S GET Flood	vol_tps=50K, max_out=1h, max_latency=3s, max_bots=500, persistence=24 hours
322003	UDP Flood	vol_bps=10G, ip_spoofing, max_out=1h, max_latency=3s, max_bots=500, persistence=24 hours
313004	TCP RST Flood	vol_bps=10G, ip_spoofing, max_out=1h, max_latency=3s, max_bots=500, persistence=24 hours
333005	ICMP Flood	vol_bps=10G, ip_spoofing, max_out=1h, max_latency=3s, max_bots=500, persistence=24 hours
323006	NTP Reflection Flood	vol_bps=10G, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
353007	API Unformatted Flood	vol_tps=50K, max_out=1h, max_latency=3s, max_bots=500, persistence=24 hours

Notation	Vector Name	Properties
411001	SYN Flood	vol_pps=25M, ip_spoofing, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
451002	HTTP/S GET Flood	vol_tps=200K, url_rand, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
422003	UDP Flood	vol_bps=100G, ip_spoofing, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
413004	TCP RST Flood	vol_bps=100G, ip_spoofing, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
433005	ICMP Flood	vol_bps=100G, ip_spoofing, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
423006	NTP Reflection Flood	vol_bps=100G, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
414007	TCP PSH+ACK Flood	vol_bps=100G, ip_spoofing, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
414008	TCP SYN+ACK Flood	vol_bps=100G, ip_spoofing, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
414009	TCP ACK Flood	vol_bps=100G, ip_spoofing, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
414010	TCP FIN Flood	vol_bps=100G, ip_spoofing, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
454011	DNS Query Flood	vol_tps=200K, ip_spoofing, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
424012	UDP Multi-vector Flood	vol_bps=10G, ip_spoofing, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
424013	DNS Garbage Flood	vol_bps=100G, ip_spoofing, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1K, persistence=7 days
453014	API Unformatted Flood	vol_tps=200K, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1k, persistence=7 days
454015	API Formatted Flood	vol_tps=200K, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1k, persistence=7 days
454016	pulsewave/'Hit&Run' Floods	vol_tps=200K, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=1k, persistence=7 days
4F4017	Multi-Vector Flood	vol_bps=100G, ip_spoofing, max_out=10m, max_latency=2s, max_bots=500, persistence=7 days

Notation	Vector Name	Properties
511001	SYN Flood	vol_pps=125M, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
551002	HTTP/S GET Flood	vol_tps=1M, url_rand, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
522003	UDP Flood	vol_bps=500G, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
513004	TCP RST Flood	vol_bps=500G, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
533005	ICMP Flood	vol_bps=500G, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
523006	NTP Reflection Flood	vol_bps=500G, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
514007	TCP PSH+ACK Flood	vol_bps=500G, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
514008	TCP SYN+ACK Flood	vol_bps=500G, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
514009	TCP ACK Flood	vol_bps=500G, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
514010	TCP FIN Flood	vol_bps=500G, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
554011	DNS Query Flood	vol_tps=1M, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
524012	UDP Multi-vector Flood	vol_bps=500G, ip_spoofing, max_out=1h, max_latency=3s, max_bots=500, persistence=24 hours
524013	DNS Garbage Flood	vol_bps=500G, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
555014	HTTP Flood Cookie Support	vol_tps=1M, url_rand, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
555015	HTTP Search Page Flood	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
555016	HTTP Login Flood	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
585017	HTTP Large File Download	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
555018	DNS Recursive Flood	vol_tps=1M, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
585019	SLOW POST (HTTP)	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days

585020	SSL Renegotiation	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
535021	IPSEC Flood	vol_bps=500G, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
585022	HTTP/2.0 Continuation flood	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
585023	Rapid Reset	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
525024	Multi-protocol Flood	vol_bps=500G, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
555025	HTTPS Flood Headless Browse	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
555026	HTTPS Flood JS Support	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5K, persistence=30 days
553027	API Unformatted Flood	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5k, persistence=30 days
554028	API Formatted Flood	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5k, persistence=30 days
555029	API Authenticated Flood	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5k, persistence=30 days
554030	pulsewave/’Hit&Run’ Floods	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5k, persistence=30 days
5F4031	Multi-Vector Flood	vol_bps=500G, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_bots=5k, persistence=30 days
565032	Non-HTTP/S Application Floods	vol_tps=1M, max_out=5m, max_latency=1.5s, max_bots=5k, persistence=30 days
545033	Fragmented Network Floods	vol_pps=125M, ip_spoofing, max_out=5m, max_bots=5k, persistence=30 days

Notation	Vector Name	Properties
611001	SYN Flood	vol_pps=250M, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
651002	HTTP/S GET Flood	vol_tps=5M, url_rand, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
622003	UDP Flood	vol_bps=1T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
613004	TCP RST Flood	vol_bps=1T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
633005	ICMP Flood	vol_bps=1T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
623006	NTP Reflection Flood	vol_bps=1T, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
614007	TCP PSH+ACK Flood	vol_tps=5M, url_rand, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
614008	TCP SYN+ACK Flood	vol_bps=1T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
614009	TCP ACK Flood	vol_bps=1T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
614010	TCP FIN Flood	vol_bps=1T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
654011	DNS Query Flood	vol_tps=5M, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
624012	UDP Multi-vector Flood	vol_bps=1T, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
624013	DNS Garbage Flood	vol_bps=1T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
655014	HTTP Flood Cookie Support	vol_tps=5M, url_rand, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
655015	HTTP Search Page Flood	vol_tps=5M, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
655016	HTTP Login Flood	vol_tps=5M, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
685017	HTTP Large File Download	vol_tps=5M, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
655018	DNS Recursive Flood	vol_tps=5M, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=

		6 months
685019	Slow Post (HTTP)	vol_tps=5M, no_fingerprint, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
685020	SSL Renegotiation	vol_tps=5M, direct_ip, max_out=1m, max latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
635021	IPSEC Flood	vol_bps=1T, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
685022	HTTP/2.0 Continuation flood	vol_tps=5M, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
685023	Rapid Reset	vol_tps=5M, max_out=1m, max_latency=1s, max_bots=50K, persistence=6 months
625024	Multi-protocol Flood	vol_bps=1T, ip_spoofing, max_out=1h, max_latency=3s, max_bots=500, persistence=24 hours
655025	HTTPS Flood Headless Browse	vol_tps=5M, url_rand, no_fingerprint, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
655026	HTTPS Flood JS Support	vol_tps=5M, url_rand, no_fingerprint, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
656027	Multi-Vector Flood	vol_bps=1T, ip_spoofing, max_out=1m, max_latency=3s, max_bots=500, persistence=24 hours
626028	UDP Amplification Flood	vol_bps=1T, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
653029	API Unformatted Flood	vol_tps=5M, max_out=1m, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=6 months
654030	API Formatted Flood	vol_tps=5M, max_out=1m, max_latency=0.5s max_bots=1M, persistence=6 months
655031	API Authenticated Flood	vol_tps=5M, max_out=1m, max_latency=0.5s max_bots=1M, persistence=6 months
654032	pulsewave/’Hit&Run’ Floods	vol_tps=5M, max_out=1m, max_latency=0.5s max_bots=1M, persistence=6 months
6F4033	Multi-Vector Flood	vol_bps=1T, max_out=1m, max_latency=0.5s max_bots=1M, persistence=6 months
665034	Non-HTTP/S Application Floods	vol_tps=5M, max_out=1m, max_latency=0.5s max_bots=1M, persistence=6 months
645035	Fragmented Network Floods	vol_tps=5M, max_out=1m, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=6 months

Notation	Vector Name	Properties
711001	SYN Flood	vol_pps=1B, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
751002	HTTP/S GET Flood	vol_tps=25M, url_rand, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
722003	UDP Flood	vol_bps=5T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
713004	TCP RST Flood	vol_bps=5T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
733005	ICMP Flood	vol_bps=5T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip,, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
723006	NTP Reflection Flood	vol_bps=5T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
714007	TCP PSH+ACK Flood	vol_bps=5T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
714008	TCP SYN+ACK Flood	vol_bps=5T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
714009	TCP ACK Flood	vol_bps=5T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
714010	TCP FIN Flood	vol_bps=5T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
754011	DNS Query Flood	vol_tps=25M, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
724012	UDP Multi-vector	vol_bps=5T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
724013	DNS Garbage Flood	vol_bps=5T, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
755014	HTTP Flood Cookie Support	vol_tps=25M, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
755015	HTTP Search Page Flood	vol_tps=25M, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
755016	HTTP Login Flood	vol_tps=25M, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
785017	HTTP Large File Download	vol_tps=25M, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
755018	DNS Recursive Flood	vol_tps=25M, ip_spoofing, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
785019	Slow Post (HTTP)	vol_tps=25M, no_fingerprint, direct_ip, max out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M,

		persistence=1 year
785020	SSL Renegotiation	vol_tps=25M, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
735021	IPSEC Flood	vol_bps=5T, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
785022	HTTP/2.0 Continuation flood	vol_tps=25M, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
785023	Rapid Reset	vol_tps=25M, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
725024	Multi-protocol Flood	vol_bps=5T, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
755025	HTTPS Flood Headless Browse	vol_tps=25M, url_rand, no_fingerprint, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
755026	HTTPS Flood JS Support	vol_tps=25M, url_rand, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
756027	Multi-Vector Flood	vol_bps=5T, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
726028	UDP Amplification Flood	vol_bps=5T, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
757029	QUIC HTTP/3 Flood	vol_tps=25M, url_rand, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
717030	Large Payload SYN Flood	vol_bps=5T, direct_ip, max_out=10s, max latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
717031	GRE Flood	vol_bps=5T, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
753032	API Unformatted Flood	vol_tps=25M, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
754033	API Formatted Flood	vol_tps=25M, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
755034	API Authenticated Flood	vol_tps=25M, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
754035	pulsewave/’Hit&Run’ Floods	vol_tps=5T, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
7F4036	Multi-Vector Flood	vol_bps=100G, ip_spoofing, max_out=10m, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
765037	Non-HTTP/S Application Floods	vol_tps=25M, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year
745038	Fragmented Network Floods	vol_bps=5T, max_out=10s, max_latency=0.5s, max_bots=1M, persistence=1 year

5. Score Calculation Procedure

The following section explains how the actual score is calculated.

5.1 General Description

The DRS score is measured using level based testing. To pass a level, the protection measures used by an organization are expected to simultaneously mitigate the vectors used in that level. Attacks are run sequentially: level 1 attack vectors, level 2 attack vectors, and so on. If the organization is able to withstand the attack of that level, it passes to the next one. For example, if the organization was able to withstand the attack vectors included in Level 1 the test continues to Level 2 attack vectors. This process continues until the organization fails a certain level.

5.2 Passing or Failing an Attack Vector

If the organization was able to withstand an attack vector and effectively provide its services in a timely manner, then the attack vector is considered to be passed ('Passed Attack Vector'), otherwise it is defined as failed ('Failed Attack Vector').

5.3 Level Score

After running the attacks of a given level and collecting results, the level score is calculated. This value is referred to as 'Level Score'.
Level Score is calculated as the Passed Attack Vector divided by the total number of vectors in that level, plus the level number minus one.
For example, if in level 3, 4 attack vectors were passed out of 10 (failing that level), then the Level Score will be '2.4'.

Passing, Meeting and Failing a Level

The Level Score determines if that level was passed, met or failed. This depends on the 'Passing Score' and 'Failing Score' per level defined in the table below. If the Level Score is above the Passing Score the level is considered as 'Passed' and the test will continue to the next level. If the Test Score is below the Failing Score the level is considered as 'Failed'. If the Level Score is in between the two, the Level is considered as 'Met'. While both Failed and Met do not entitle the test to continue to the next phase they effect the Final Score as defined below.

Level	Passing Score	Failing Score
1	75%	40%
2	75%	40%
3	75%	40%
4	85%	40%
5	85%	40%
6	85%	40%
7	85%	40%

5.4 Final Score

For each test that is passed the test continue to the next level. If the last score in the last Level was a Met score than that score is the 'Final Score'. If the last score was a Failed score than then the Final Score is the previous Phase Score, i.e. the last passed phase.

6. Disclaimer

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