

DEF CON 32

AUG 8-11, 2024

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Oh, what a crazy month it's been

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# What do we provide?

- DefCon, DefCon-WPA3 and DefCon-Open Wireless
  - for general Internet and conf activities
- Support DEF CON Departments
  - e.g. DCTV talk streaming
- Special requests from the floor
  - contest servers

This has been a little different...  
For a variety of reasons,  
We really only had 28 days of hard planning



Fastest opening for Wi-Fi and Wi-Fi Reg  
Fastest completion of the drops  
Most miles walked



# What did setup look like

Sunday  
Load in,  
Core  
and  
Switches

Monday  
Work with  
Cox  
setting up  
patches  
Start Wi-Fi  
setup

Tuesday  
Stand Up  
DefCon  
DefCon-  
Open  
Wi-Fi Reg

Wednesday  
Drops  
Drops  
Drops

Thursday  
A few  
more  
Drops  
and  
Defcon-  
WPA3

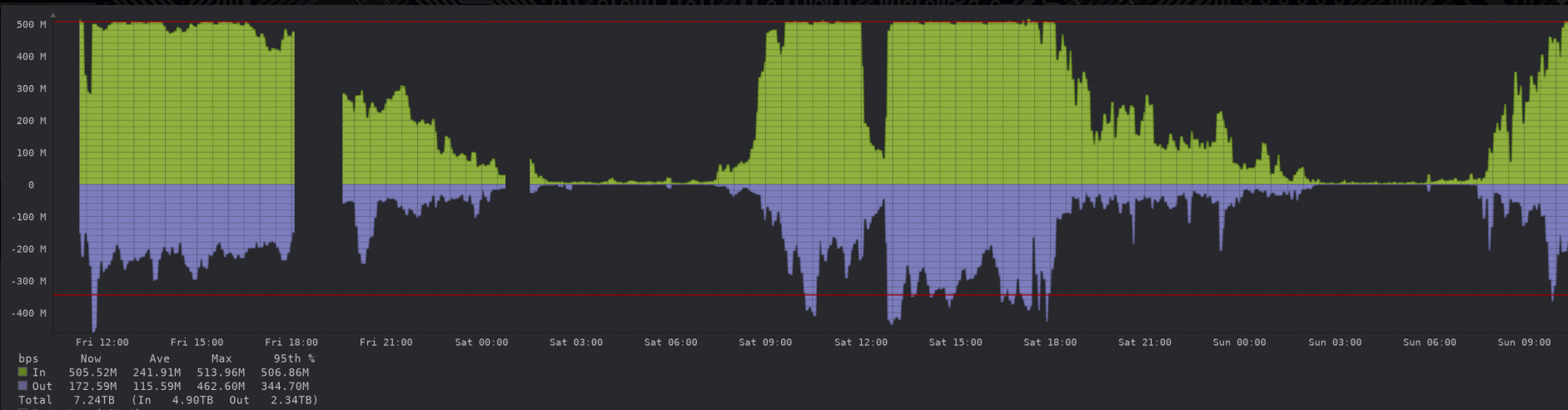
Sleep

Sleep  
Network  
Brain  
Surgery

Sunday  
Take it all  
down and  
go home

- 42 FreeBSD Firewall(s)
- 1 Core Switch (3172PQ - "new")
- 650 Access Points via the Cox Wireless Network
- 32 Edge Access Switches (up 10 from previous year)
  - 100 floor drops (~what we had previously)
- 2 Servers - radius, monitoring
- The DEF CON Media Server

# Internet Bandwidth

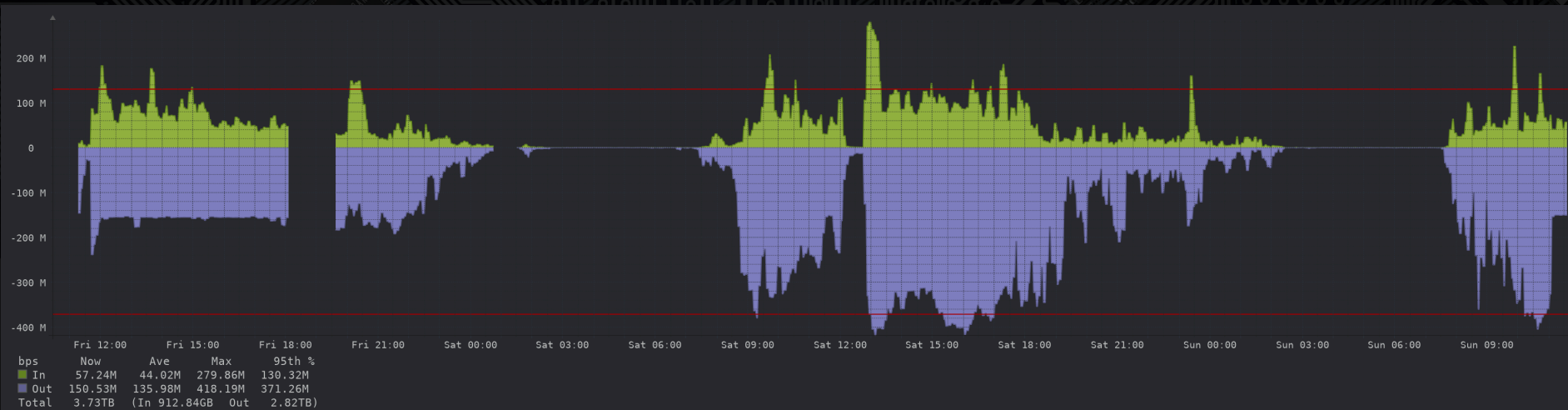


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# DefCon Secure (DefCon + DefCon-WPA3)



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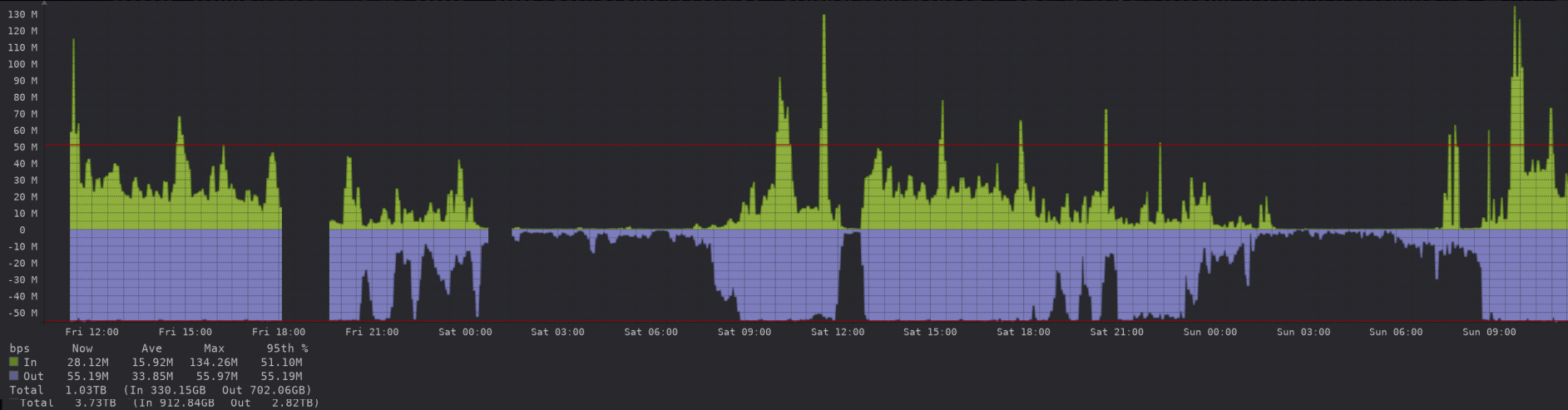


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# DefCon-Open



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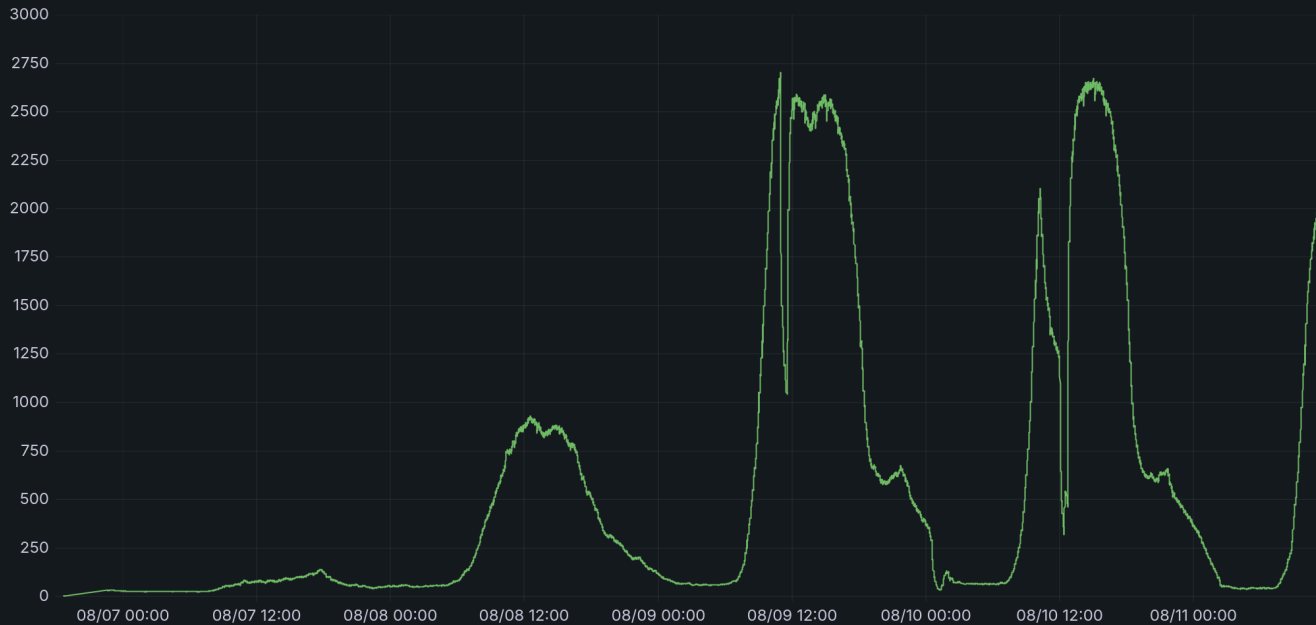
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# Wireless Clients

Home > St > WiFi S... > View pa... ★

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Current WiFi Users



— Cisco-IOS-XE-wireless-client-global-oper:client-global-oper-data/client-live-stats.distinct

65% Secure  
35% Open

# Challenges

- “OMG THESE PEOPLE ARE HEATHENS”....Defcon NOC monitoring network usage
- “They just cant get enough” ..... NOC monitoring
- Friday Morning outage.... Nothing like hitting the peak right out of the gate and then slamming on the breaks.....stop forwarding your self... stop forwarding your self.
- Saturday DHCP server hangover

# Wireless

- Bit of a different setup with DefCon using the internal Wi-Fi setup and Cox assisting. Same awesome DefCon-Open and DefCon (and DefCon-WPA3) just way more gear.



# Internet

- Bandwidth is a struggle every year and while we would love to have infinite bandwidth, we do the best we can with what we have.



# WiFi Extras

- 989 = Number of unique SSID's advertised around the NOC
- 38 = Number of unique Pwnagotchis detected around the NOC
- 382 = Number of Frames detected from Pineapple devices
- 31 = Number of De-authentication flood attacks detected around the NOC
- 15 = Number of attempts to spoof any of DefCon SSIDs

# Most advertised unknown networks

- TMobileWingman
- pwned
- big turd
- Council of Ricks
- openwireless.org2
- 0D4YMYD3C0
- HackMyHat
- Searching...
- Dr\_Dr0n3-GuessMyPassword
- SwapSpot
- Pineapple\_2E49
- Avalon
- Guppy
- MSG\_Guest
- SQUEEZE



# Alert Report from our Cox Communications Partner

We're committed to maintaining a strong, secure network. We're happy you all had a positive experience in Las Vegas. As requested, here is the DEF CON security threat monitoring information you requested.

## Alert Breakdown:

- Friday: 274
- Saturday: 1,338
- Sunday: 215

## Incidents:

- Incident involving a system conducting mass internet-wide port scanning.
- Incident involving a system with various internet-exposed ports

## Observables:

- One observation of a system infected with SectopRAT/Archclient2
- Multiple instances regarding downloads of cryptocurrency miners and various backdoor payloads
- Multiple instances of external web hosting scanning using custom tools, DirBuster, Nmap, etc.
- Several instances of downloads/updates involving Metasploit, Kali Linux, and other [post-]exploitation frameworks
- Several instances of malicious python, PowerShell, and other files observed
- Multiple instance of victim and C2 side of BYOB (Bring Your Own Botnet)
- Multiple instances of connections and DNS for crimeware hosts, including spam redirects, fake update downloads, etc.
- Multiple instances of connections or DNS associated with various malware tooling such as BEEF, HAVOC, CobaltStrike, GOST, and more.
- DNS queries for known APT hostnames observed.

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# Thanks

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