



Finland DDoS Attack

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DDoS Attacks Can Have an Impact on Human Lives

DDoS attacks are an emerging threat in the cyber landscape. It is comprised of numerous machines (known as bots) that target a specific resource of a service or application.

Usually, systems that are unavailable for customers result in financial and reputational damages to the organization. A DDoS attack can even target an entire country, as we see nowadays with a Mirai botnet targeting the entire internet infrastructure of Liberia. But, when it comes to DDoS, nobody said anything about **damage to human lives**. Until now.

Last week a DDoS attack in Finland has targeted a heating system in the city of *Lappeenranta, Finland*. As a result, the heating systems were not working for more than a week. The attack was short in time, but caused the heating system to enter an endless restart loop, therefore preventing the residents of two blocks in the town to heat their apartments.

Luckily, it's "only" -6 degrees now in *Lappeenranta*, so no one lost their life, but think of the damage had the attack been engaged on January or February.

For our more intrigued readers, the water was system was not functioning as well for a week. Think about taking a shower in -6 degrees the next time your boiler breaks.

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