



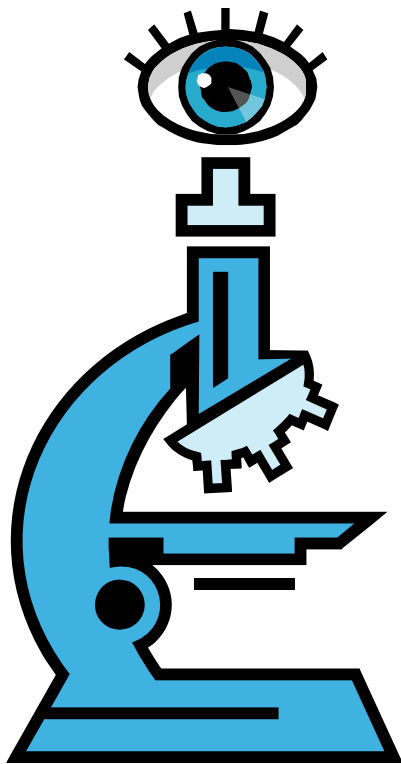
# Cisco Security Intelligence Operations (Cisco SIO) Overview



**Karaked Kedchumpol**  
System Engineer

# A Seismic Shift

- **2000-2008:** IT security products look deeper



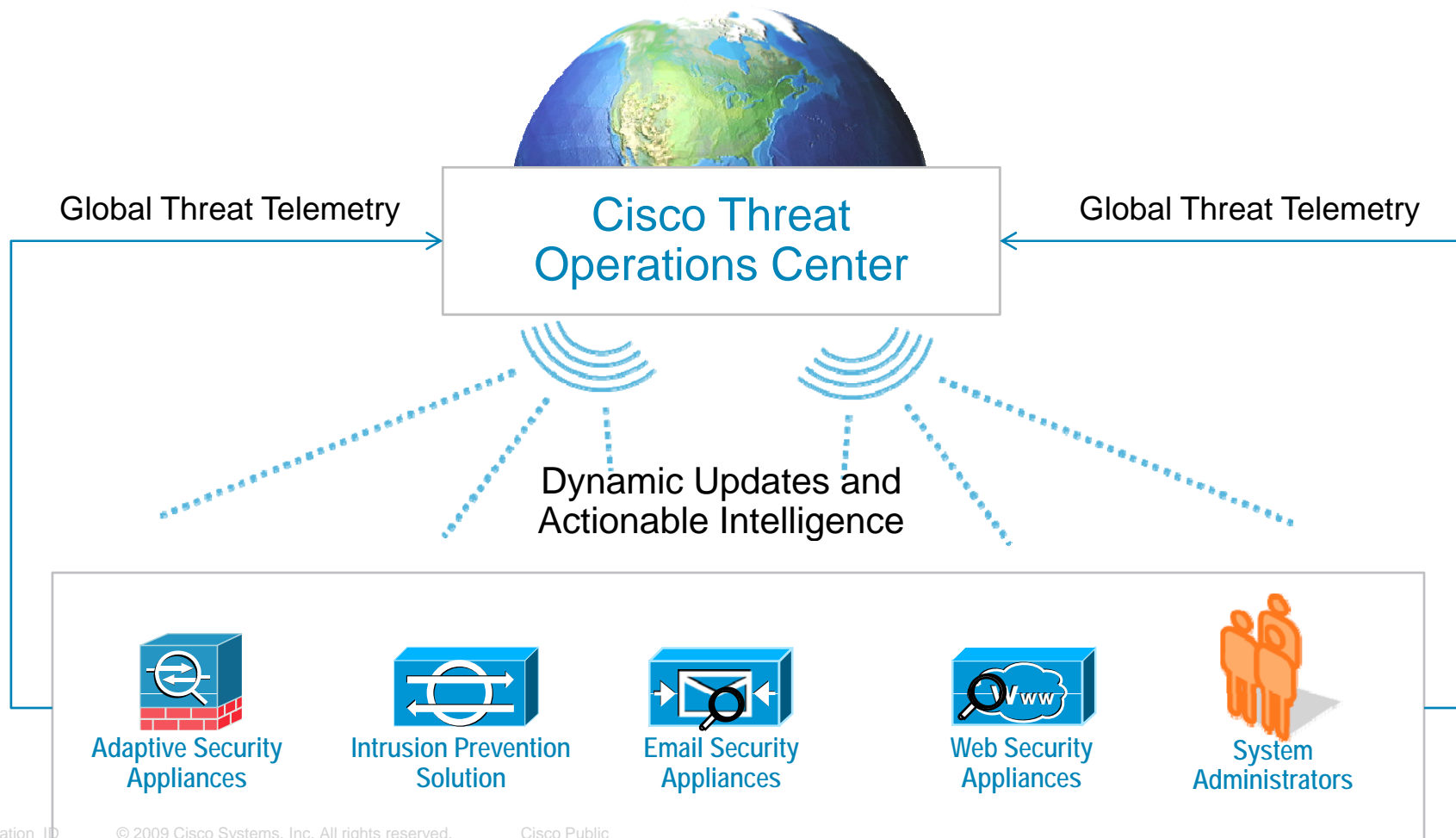
- **2009:** Cisco Security products look around, respond faster



# Cisco Security Intelligence Operations (SIO)

## Overview

**Most Accurate Protection Against a Broad Range of Threats**



# Cisco SIO

## Key Components

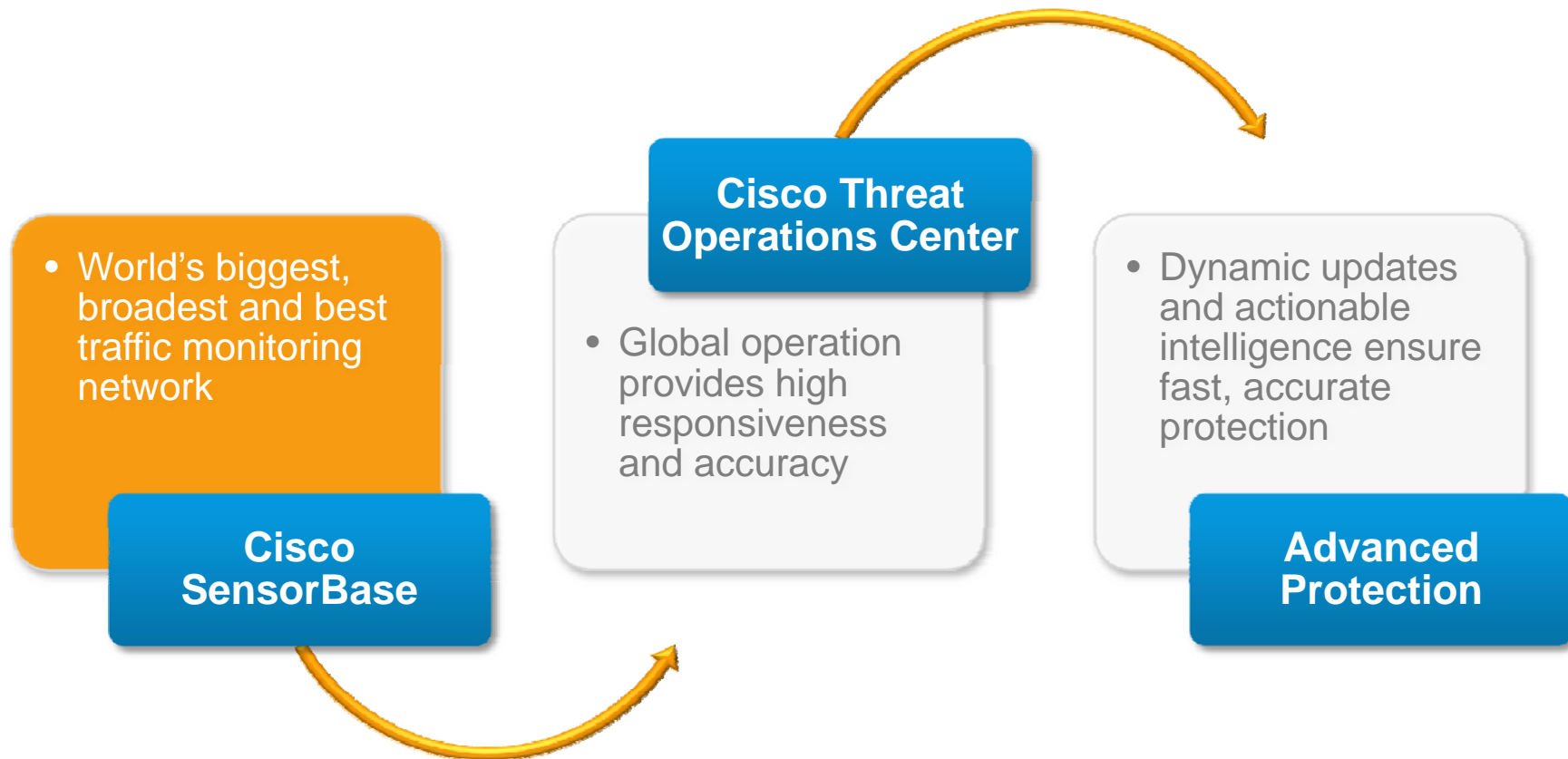
**Powerful Ecosystem Enables Fast, Accurate Protection**



# Cisco SIO

## Cisco SensorBase

Largest Network, Highest Data Quality, Unmatched Breadth



# Cisco SensorBase Network

## Unmatched Visibility Into Global Threats

### Most Devices

1M security devices, 10M clients shipped per year

Core Internet routers

Cloud-based services

### Largest Footprint

30% of the world's email traffic

200+ parameters

368GB per day sensor feeds

### Diverse Sources

Eight of the top ten ISPs

Fortune 500, Global 2000, universities, SMBs

152 third-party feeds

**First to Combine Network and Application Layer Data**

# Cisco SensorBase Network

## Unmatched Breadth



SensorBase Network

Email

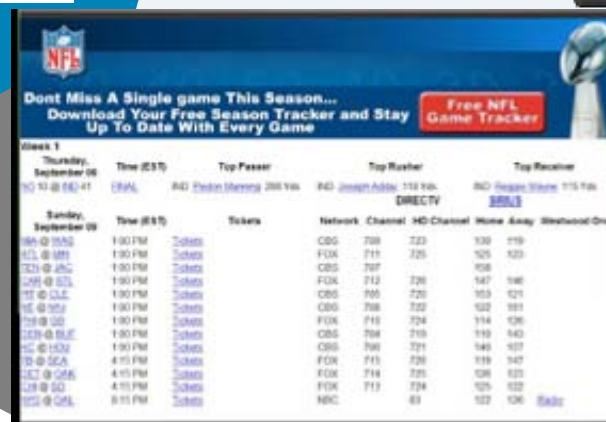
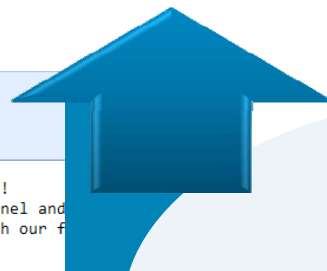
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Spam with Malicious Attachment



Malware Distributing Site



Firewall / IPS

Directed

Directed Attack

# Cisco SIO

## Cisco Threat Operations Center (TOC)

**Advanced Research and Development, Security Modeling,  
Experienced Analysts**





# Cisco Threat Operation Center

## Advanced Research and Development

- **Millions in R&D investment**

- Threat experts and statisticians

- Equipment and infrastructure

- Thought leadership, prevention and best practices expertise

- 76 patents

- **Innovative services**

- IPS Global Correlation

- ASA Botnet Traffic Filters

- Virus Outbreak Filters

- Reputation Filters (IPS, email, web, etc.)



# Cisco Threat Operations Center

## Sophisticated Security Modeling and Remediation

- **Advanced algorithms**

- Dynamic real-time scoring

- Fast threat identification

- Automated rule and/or signature creation

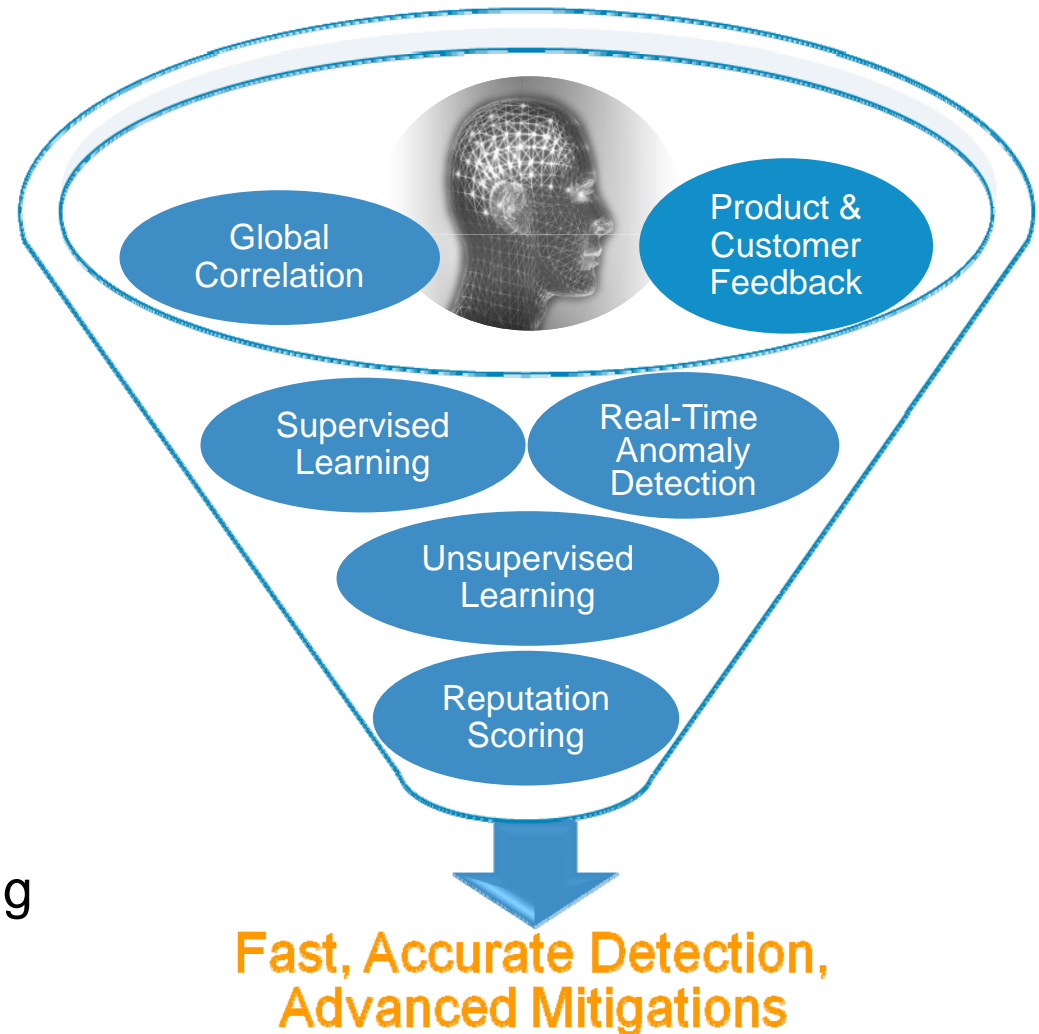
- Human-aided rule creation

- **White Hat engineers**

- Penetration testing

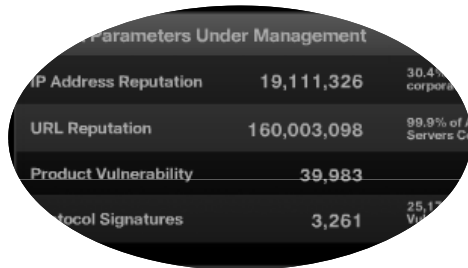
- Botnet infiltration

- Malware reverse engineering



# Cisco Threat Operations Center

Ensuring Accuracy and Responsiveness



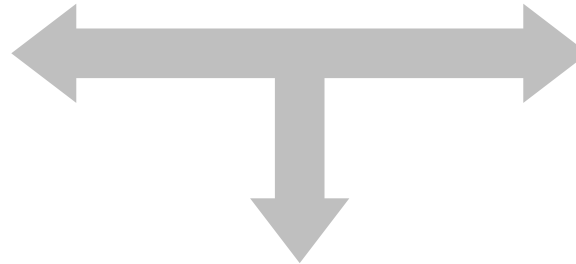
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IP Address Reputation	19,111,326	30.4% of corpora
URL Reputation	160,003,098	99.9% of Servers Co
Product Vulnerability	39,983	
Protocol Signatures	3,261	25.1% Vi



Outdated Security Rules	Deployment Interval	Last D
Email: IronPort Anti-Spam	5 minutes	2009-01-
Email: VOF	5 minutes	2009-01-
Firewall: Protocol Violation	1 week	2009-01-
Anomaly Detection	1 week	2009-01-
...	15 minutes	
...	5 minutes	

## Experienced Analysts

500 analysts  
European and Asian languages  
1 Cisco Fellow  
80+ Ph.D.s, CCIEs, CISSPs,  
MSCEs



## Powerful Tools

Dynamic updates  
Correlation and data mining  
Advanced rule approval,  
creation and publishing  
applications

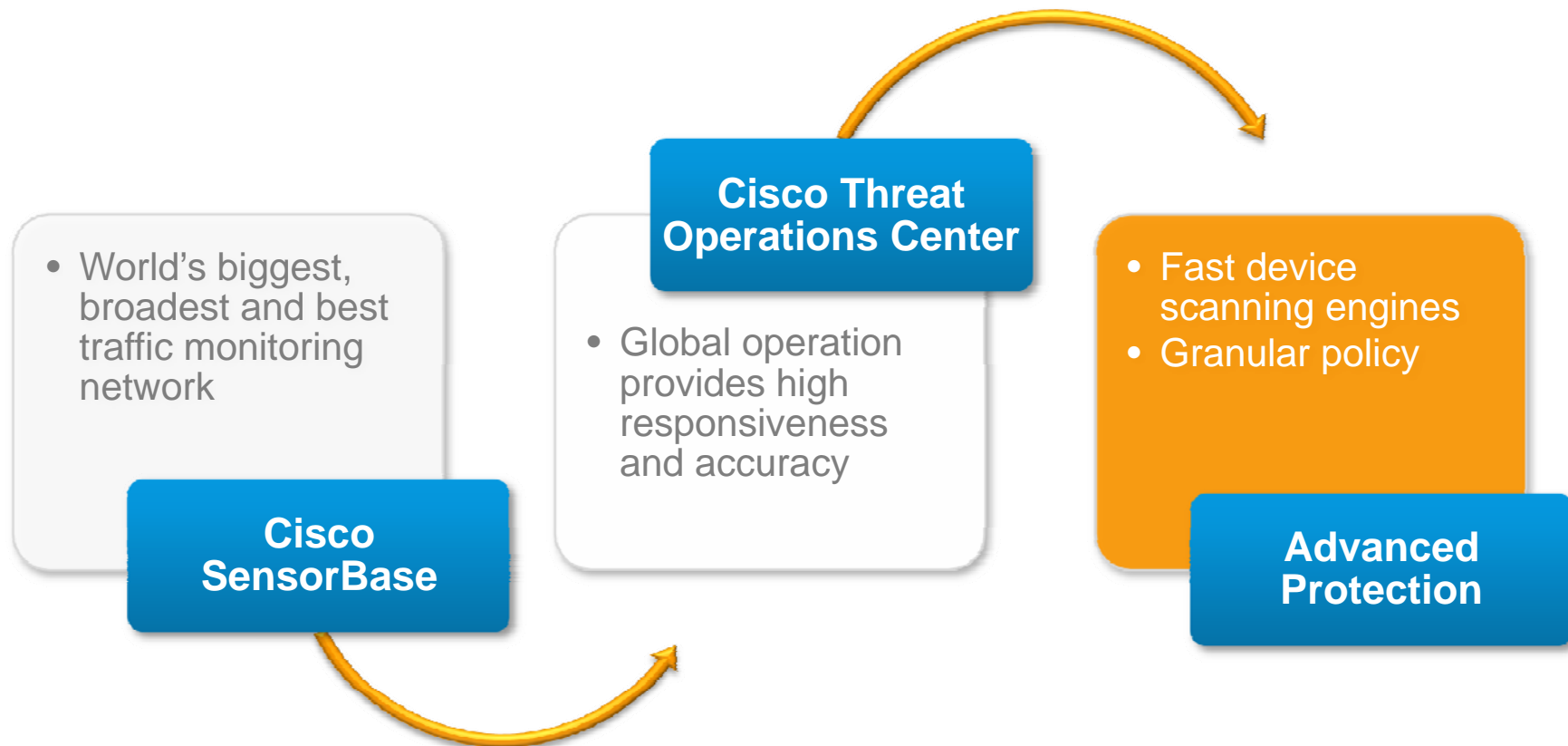
## 24x7x365 Operations

5 threat operations center  
locations around the globe  
San Jose, San Bruno, Austin,  
North Carolina, Shanghai

# Cisco SIO

## Broadest Enforcement Capabilities

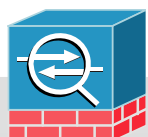
### Fast Device Scanning Engines and Granular Policy



# Advanced Protection

## Putting It All Together

**Cisco Products and Services:** High-performance, flexible enforcement points



Adaptive Security Appliances



Intrusion Prevention Solution



Web Security Appliances



Email Security Appliances



Hosted Email Services

**Security Filters:** Industry's most effective security features

Virus  
Outbreak  
Filters

Anti-Spam

Email  
Reputation  
Filters

Web  
Reputation  
Filters

IPS Reputation  
and Signature  
Filters

Firewall Botnet  
Traffic Filters

**Cisco SIO:** Cloud-based intelligence to power Cisco security services

Live  
Reputation  
Scores

New and  
Updated  
Signatures

Authored  
Rule Sets

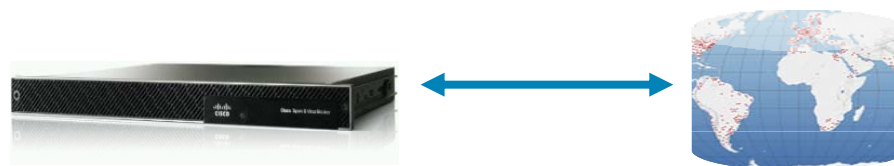
Dynamic  
Rule Sets

Auto-Updates  
Every 5 minutes

# Cisco SIO

## Works Three Ways

- Devices contribute to Cisco SIO, and receive rules and reputation data



- Devices may trigger rule and configuration changes in other local devices



**FUTURE:** *Devices may redirect traffic to other devices for further scanning*

- Security events in one Cisco protected network indirectly trigger rules in other networks



# Cisco SIO Effectiveness

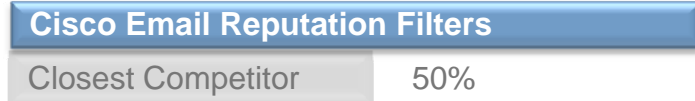
## Leading Accuracy and Responsiveness

- Cisco detects and acts against unwanted traffic faster and more accurately than any other vendor
- Other companies lack the human, network and device-level intelligence that makes Cisco SIO so effective

### Cisco IPS Accuracy



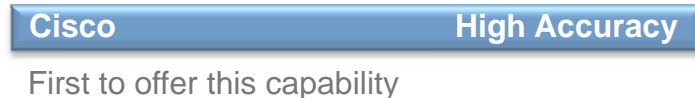
### Spam Caught by Reputation



### Virus Protection Lead



### Cisco ASA Infected Client Detection



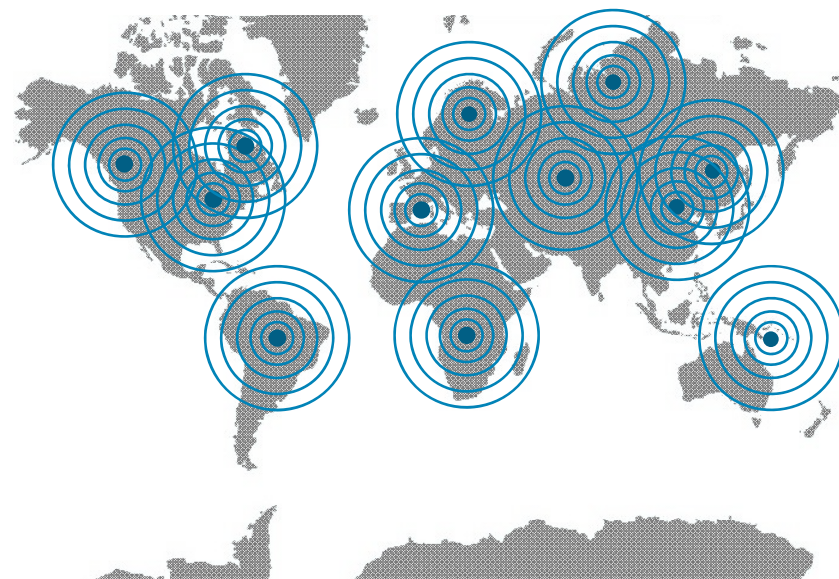
# Global Correlation In Action

## Network IPS to Global IPS



### 08:00 GMT

- A sensor in Australia detects new malware
- A sensor in Russia detects a botnet issuing new commands
- A sensor in Korea detects a virus mutating
- A sensor in Florida detects a hacker probing major financial institutions



**Fast, Complete and Accurate  
Protection Using Global IPS Data**

### 08:15 GMT

- **All Cisco IPS customers protected**

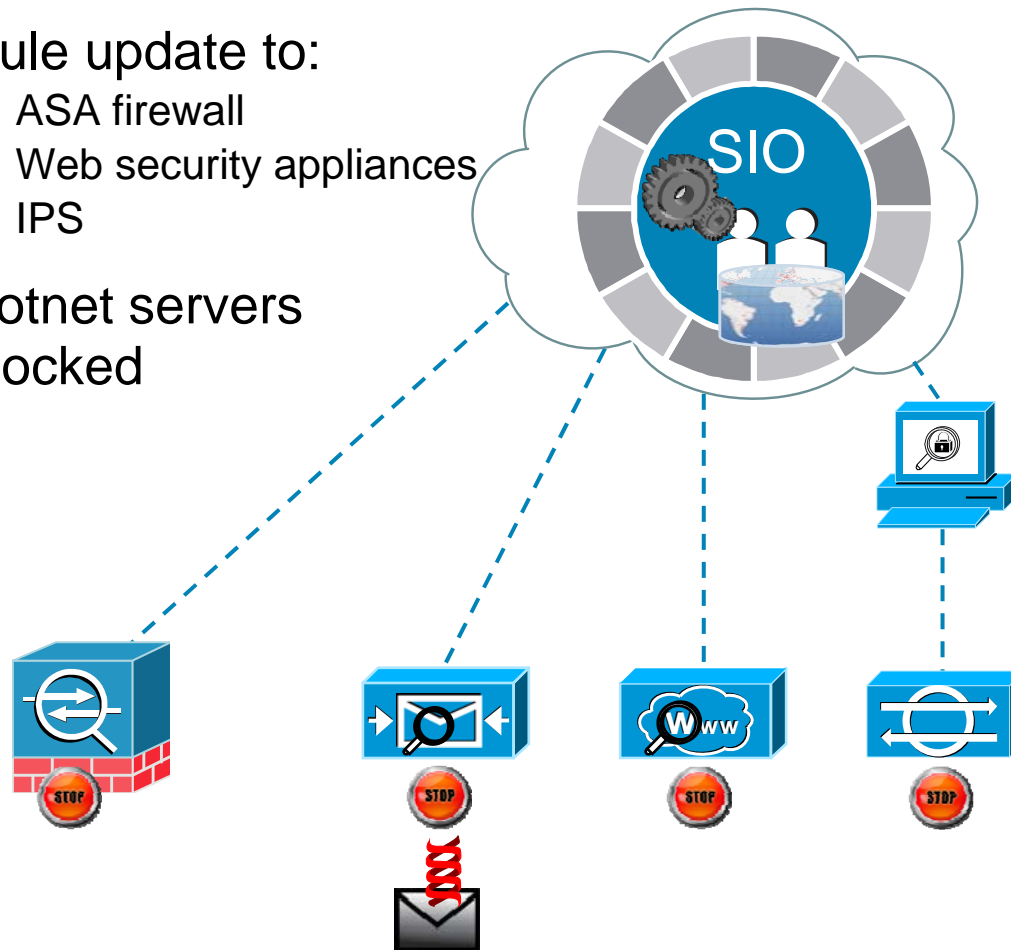
Cisco IPS has **twice** the IPS deployment of the next vendor, collecting billions of data points worldwide



# Cisco SIO In Action

## Obama Botnet

1. Baseline threat data installed in Cisco security devices
2. Spoofed email for Obama speech triggers alert to Cisco SIO
3. Rule update to:
  - ASA firewall
  - Web security appliances
  - IPS
4. Botnet servers blocked



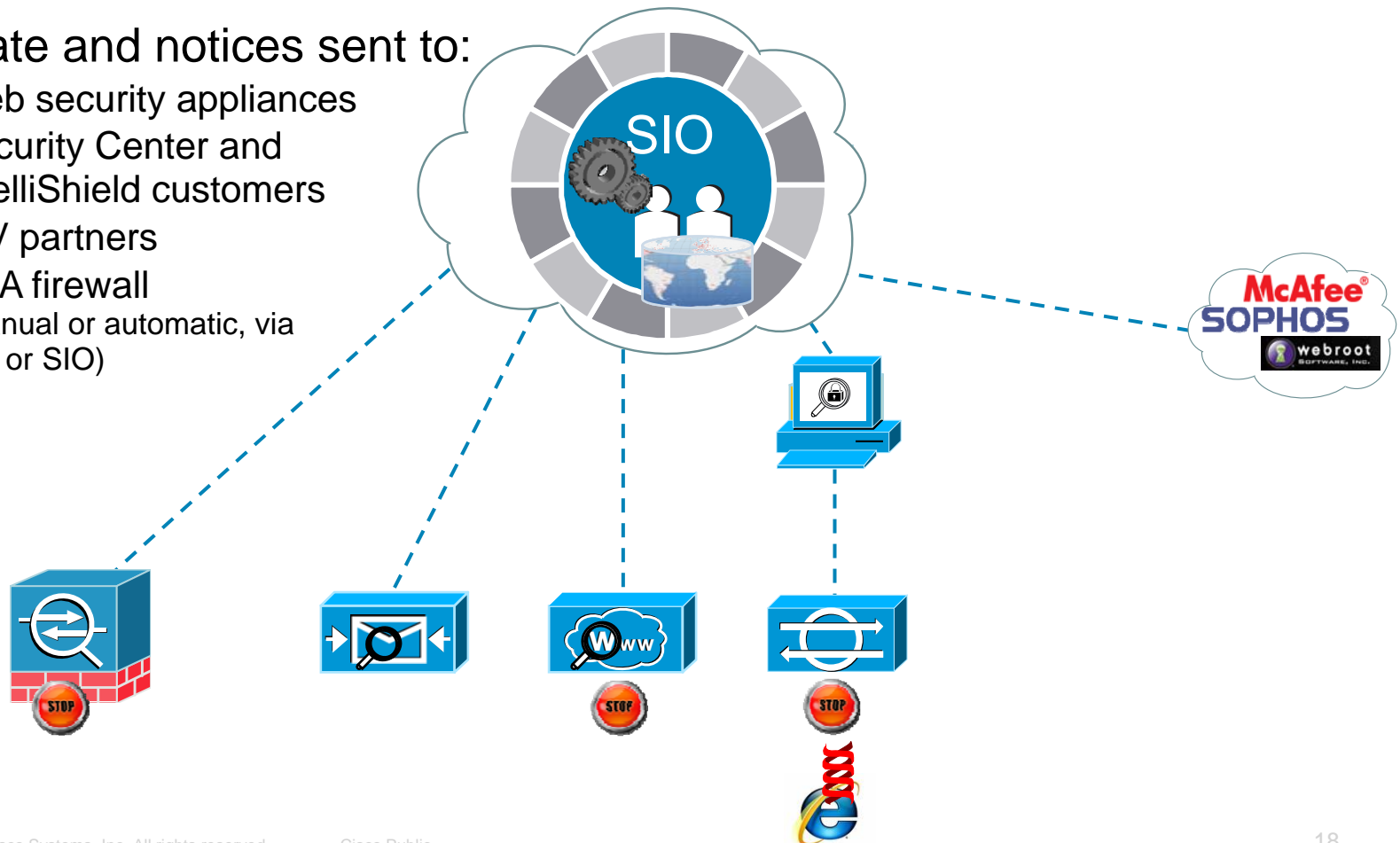
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## Internet Explorer Browser Vulnerability

1. IPS senses anomaly, alerts MARS, escalates to SIO researchers
2. TOC finds new botnet command and control hosts, modifies rules

3. Update and notices sent to:

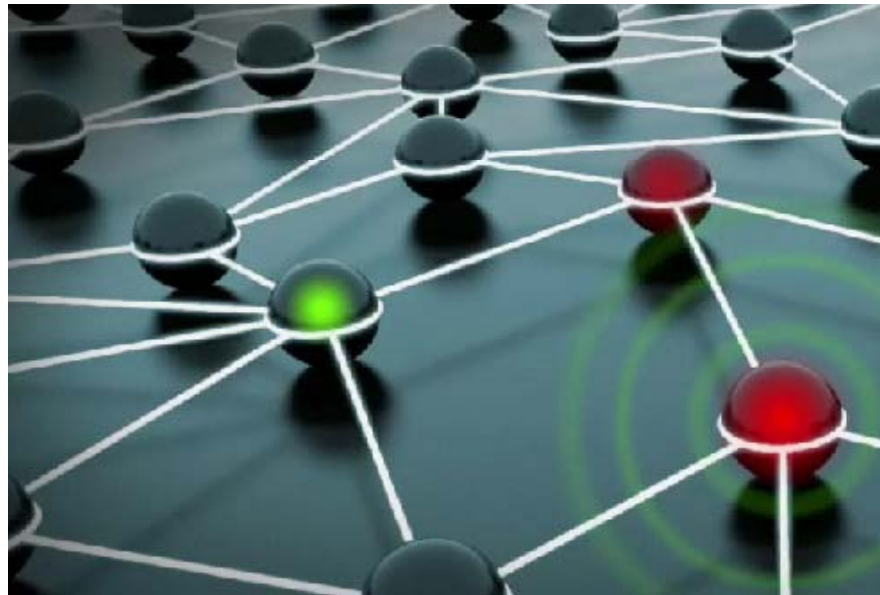
- Web security appliances
- Security Center and IntelliShield customers
- ISV partners
- ASA firewall (manual or automatic, via IPS or SIO)



# Cisco Security Intelligence Operations

## Vision

- More Cisco devices will be linked into the Cisco Shared Defense Network
- This will provide global analysis, and be more informative about how your Cisco network is defending itself





# Global Correlation



# Cisco Global Correlation

## SensorBase: World's Largest Traffic Monitoring Network

**LARGEST FOOTPRINT**

| GREATEST BREADTH

| FULL CONTEXT ANALYSIS



Cisco SensorBase

**700,000+ sensors deployed globally**

**8 of the top 10 global ISPs**

**Over 500GB of data per day**

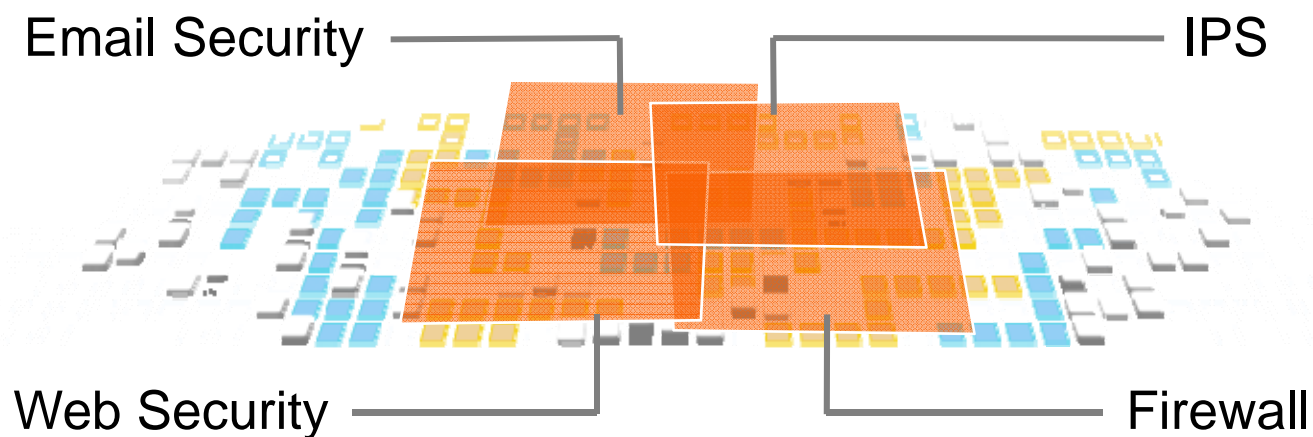
**152 third party feeds**

**Over 30% of the world's email traffic**

# Cisco Global Correlation

## Unmatched Breadth

LARGEST FOOTPRINT | **GREATEST BREADTH** | FULL CONTEXT ANALYSIS



Identifying a global botnet requires complete visibility across all threat vectors

# Global Correlation

## Full Context Analysis: Seeing the Whole Picture

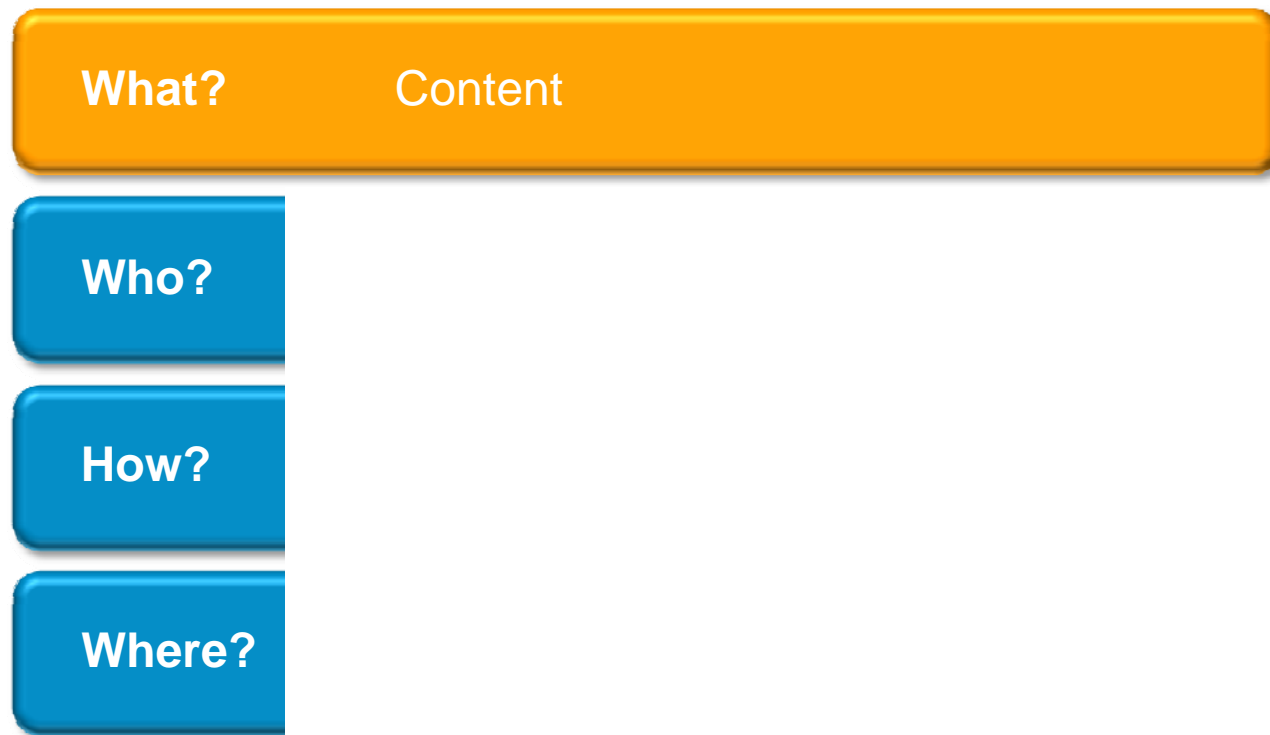
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LARGEST FOOTPRINT | GREATEST BREADTH | **FULL CONTEXT ANALYSIS**

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# Cisco IPS 7.0

## Network IPS to Global IPS

- **Coverage**

Twice the effectiveness of signature-only IPS

- **Accuracy**

Reputation analysis decreases false positives

- **Timeliness**

100x faster than traditional signature-only methods



IPS Reputation Filtering powered by Global Correlation



# Defeating SQL Injection

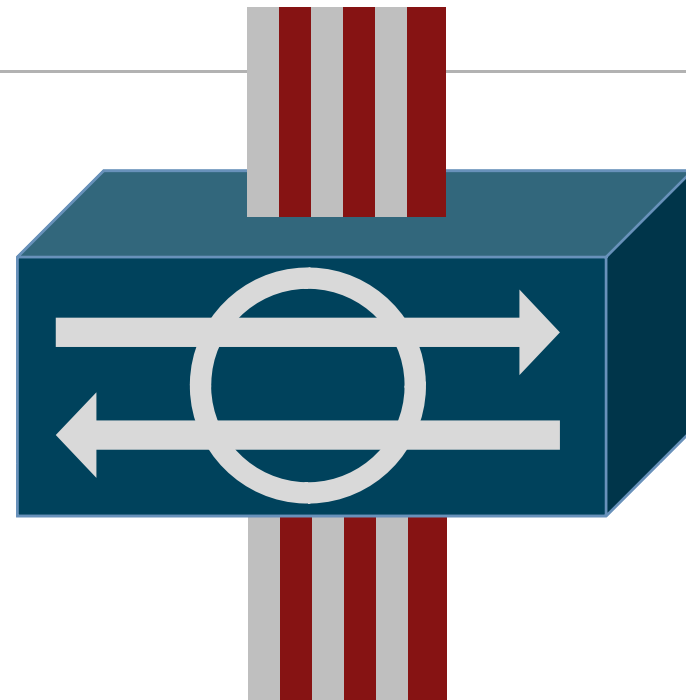
## The Challenge of Traditional Signature-Based IPS

*What SIGNATURES Find*

*Verdict: UNKNOWN*

What?

*SQL Command Fragments  
in Web Traffic*



# IPS Reputation Enables Protection

Powered By Global Correlation

## What CISCO IPS Finds

Verdict: **BLOCK**

What?

SQL Command Fragments  
in Web Traffic

How?

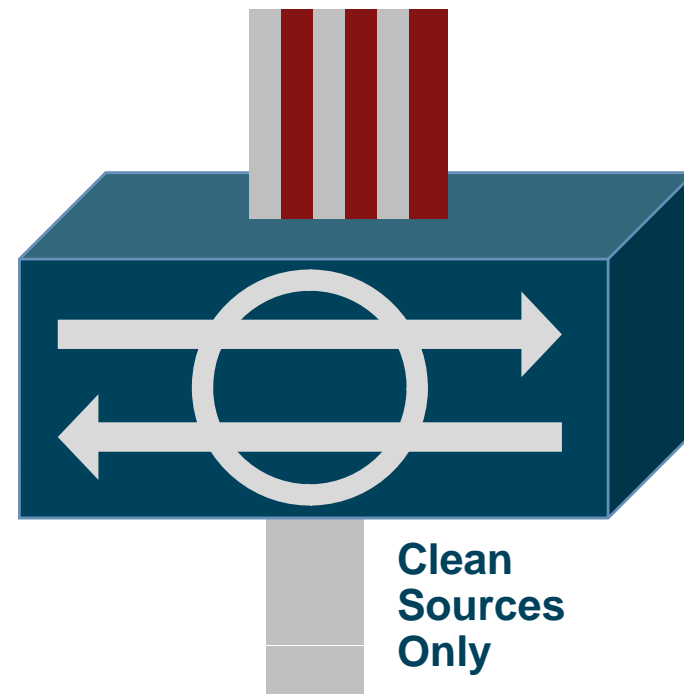
First HTTP connection

Who?

Dynamic IP Address  
Dynamic DNS  
History of Web Attacks

Where?

Within Heavily Compromised  
.Asia Network  
History of Botnet Activity





# ASA Botnet traffic Filter



# Botnet Epidemic



“Operation BotRoast”  
—FBI



“How Close Is World War 3.0?”  
—Network World

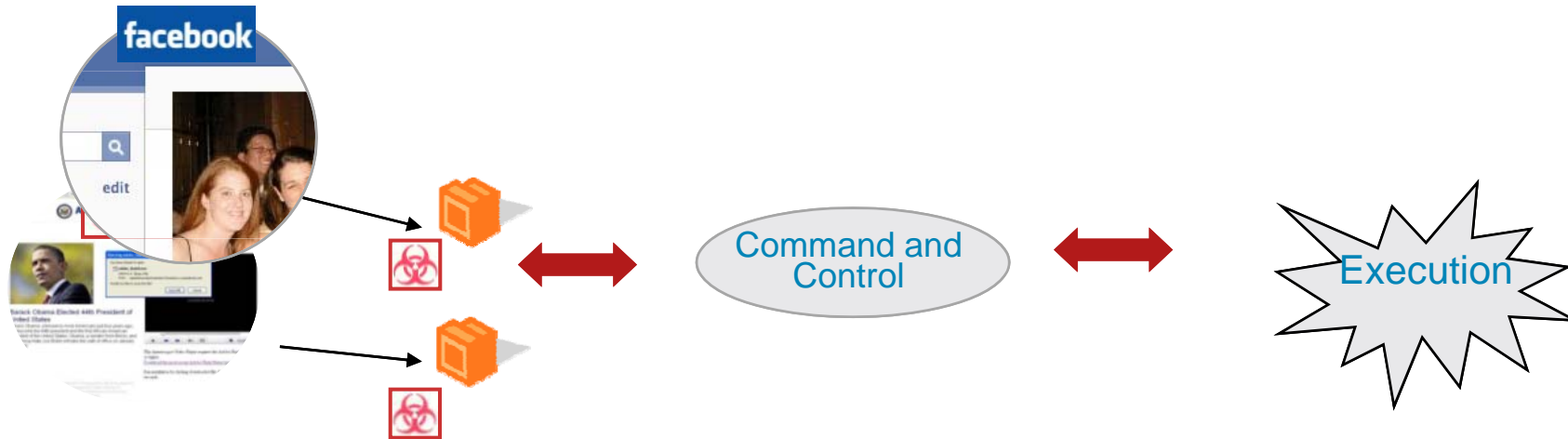
## Overview

- Botnets = network of compromised computers
- 1 to 5 million hosts are believed to have been compromised in the United States and are now being controlled by botnets\*

## Attack Profile

- Evolved from spam and denial-of-service attacks to attacks on websites for profit and to take down rival networks
- Profit from attacking a gambling website = US\$50,000

# Botnet Infection Process



## Step 1:

Clients are infected by spyware, malware, and targeted attacks propagated by web and email

## Step 2:

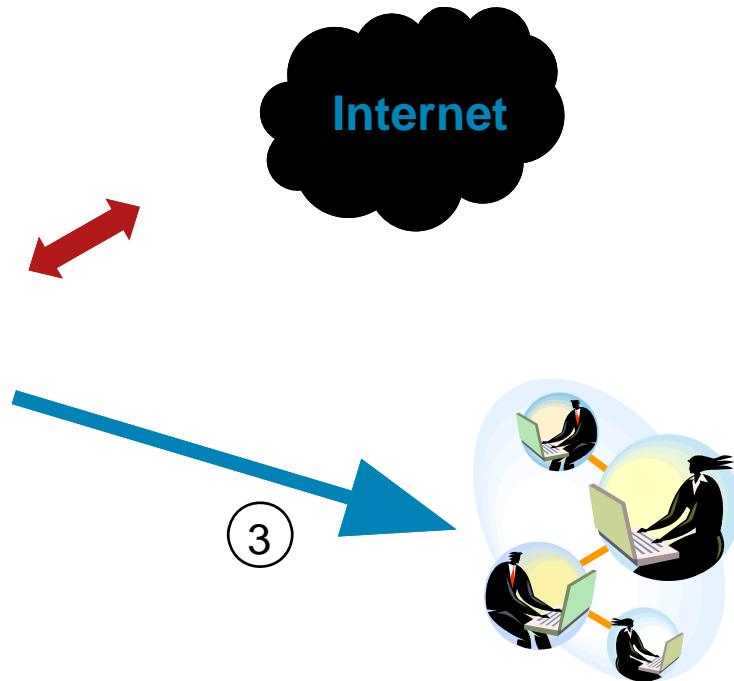
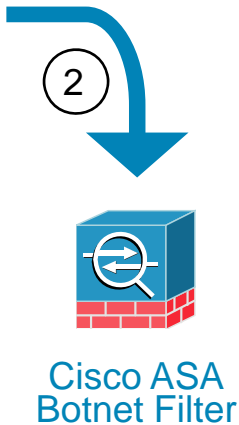
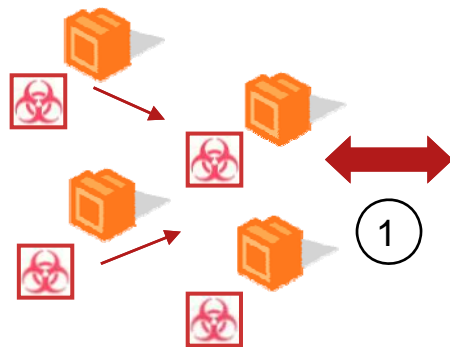
Infected clients communicate with a command and control host on the Internet

## Step 3:

Attacks are launched: DoS, ID theft, spam, and click fraud

# Botnet Filtering Process

Cisco® Security Intelligence Operations (SIO)



## Step 1:

Infected clients try to communicate with a command and control host on the Internet

## Step 2:

Cisco SIO updates the Cisco ASA botnet filter list; the destination is a known attack site

## Step 3:

Alerts go out to the security teams for prevention, mitigation, and remediation

# Botnet Traffic Filter

## Client Infection Detection

- **Botnet traffic filter**

  - Scans all traffic, all ports, and all protocols

  - Monitors command and control traffic from internal bots to external hosts

  - Detects infected clients by tracking rogue “phone-home” traffic

- **Powerful anti-malware data promotes accuracy**

  - Provides guidance now for blocking Botnet communication

  - Dynamic discovery provides real time identification of malware communication



Cisco® ASA



**Industry's Most Accurate  
Malware Traffic Monitor**

