

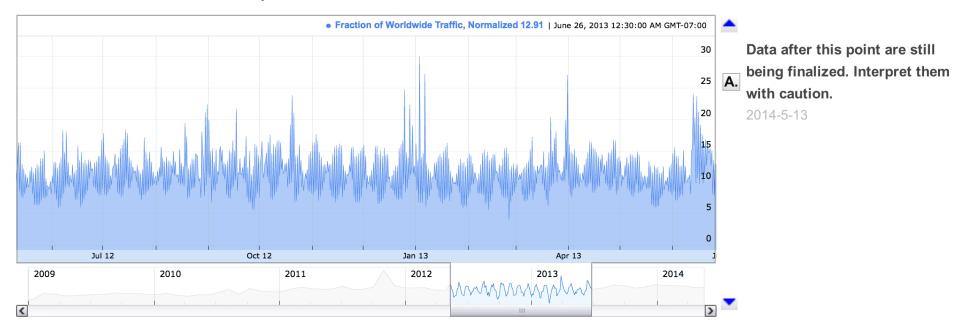
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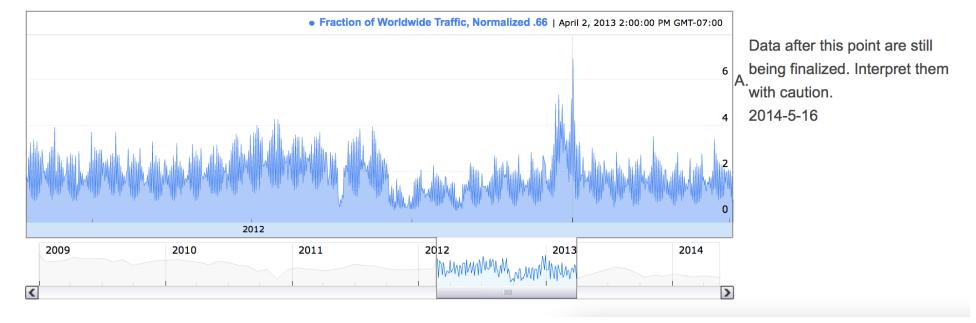
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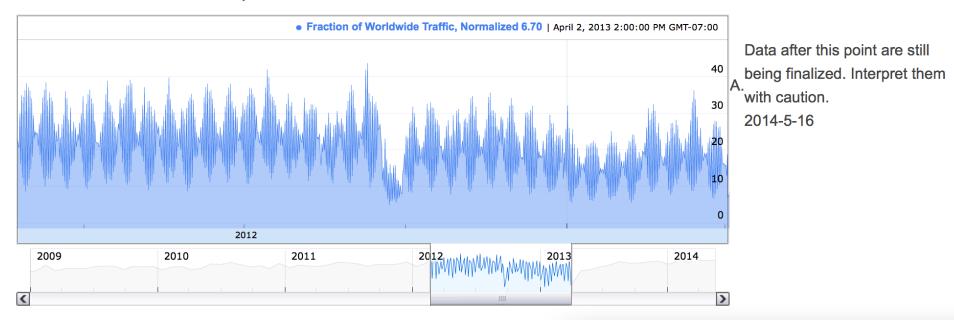
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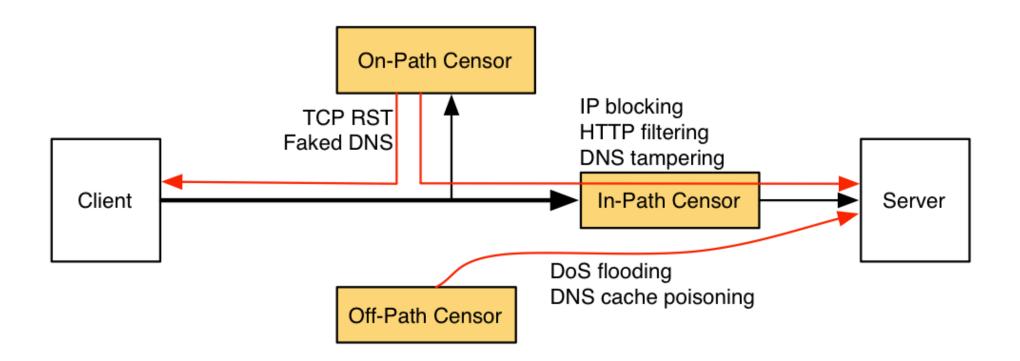




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Identified Source	Signature		
Identified Injector			
Sandvine	Multipacket: First Packet IPID += 4, second packet SEQ + 12503, IPID += 5		
Bezeqint	Multipacket: Constant sequence, RST_ACK_CHANGE, IPID = 16448		
Yournet	SYN_RST: Only on SMTP, TTL usually +3 to +5, unrelated IPID		
Victoria	Multipacket: Sequence Increment 1500, IPID = 305, TTL += 38		
IPID 256	Single packet: Usually less TTL, IPID = 256		
IPID 64	Multipacket: IPID = 64, often sequence increment of 1460		
IPID -26	Multipacket: First IPID -= 26, often sequence increment of 1460		
SEQ 1460	Multipacket: Sequence increment always 1460		
RAE	Single packet: Sets RST, ACK and ECN nonce sum (control bit 8)		
Go Away	Single packet: Payload on RST of "Go Away, We're Not Home"		
Optonline	Multipacket: No fingerprint, all activity from a single ISP		
	Identified Non-Injected Source		
SYN/RST 128	SYN_RST with RST TTL += 128		
SYN/RST 65259	SYN_RST with RST IPID = 65259		
0-Seq RST	Reset with SEQ = 0		
IPID 0	IPID = 0, multiple RSTs, limited range		
IPID 0 Solo	IPID = 0, spurious RST (often ignored)		
Stale RST	RST belonging to a previous connection (port reuse)		
Spambot SR	Spam source sending payload packets with SYN and RST flags		
DNS SYN_RST	Normal DNS servers aborting connections at initiation		

Table 1. Features for both identified RST injectors and identified non-injected sources.

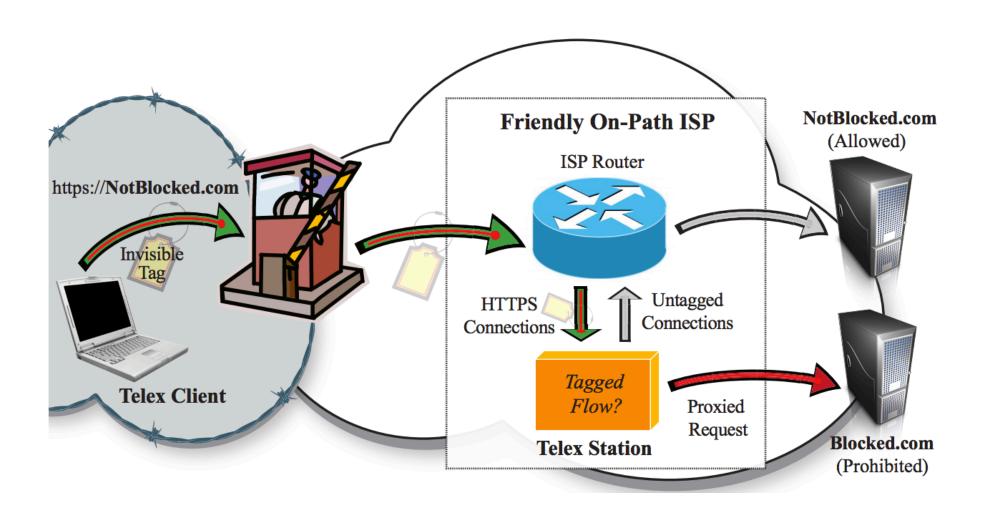
Test	Evasion Class	Description	Circumvention Opportunities	Fixing Cost	Receiver Dependent?
IP1	Ambiguity	$_{IP(TTL=< low>)}p(Bad) \implies reset$	Insertion	High	
IP2	Reassembly	Overlapping fragment processing	Insertion	High	/
TCP1	TCB creation	$IP(TTL=)p_i^S$, p_{i+1}^S , $p_{i+2}(Bad) \land (tuple(p_i) = tuple(p_{i+1})) \land (seq(p_i) \neq seq(p_{i+1})) \Longrightarrow \neg reset$	Insertion-Evasion	Low	
TCP2	Incompleteness	$_{IP(ack=< bad>)}p(Bad) \implies reset$	Insertion	Low	
TCP3	Incompleteness	$_{IP(chksum=)}p(Bad) \implies reset$	Insertion	Low	
TCP4	Incompleteness	$p^{\neg A}(Bad) \implies reset$	Insertion	Low	
TCP5	Reassembly	Overlapping segment processing	Insertion	High	/
TCP6 ^a	TCB Teardown	$_{IP(TTL=< low>)}p_i^{R(A)}, p_{i+1}(Bad) \implies \neg reset$	Insertion-Evasion	High	
$TCP6^b$	TCB Teardown	$ P(TTL=< low>) p_i^F, p_{i+1}(Bad) \implies \neg reset$	Insertion-Evasion	Low	
TCP7	State Management	$\tau(\leq \approx 10 \text{ hr}), p_i(Bad) \implies reset$	State exhaust.	High	
TCP8	State Management	$(p_i(Good)^+ \wedge \delta(Good) \leq \approx 1 \text{ GB}), p_{i+1}(Bad) \implies reset$	State exhaust.	High	
TCP9	State Management	hole, $(p_i(Good)^+ \wedge \delta(Good) \geq 1 \text{ KB} \wedge abovehole(p_i)),$ $p_{i+1}(Bad) \Longrightarrow \neg reset$	State exhaust.	High	/
TCP10	State Management	$hole, \tau(y) \ge 60 \text{ min}, (p_i(Bad) \land abovehole(p_i)) \Longrightarrow \neg reset$	State exhaust.	High	/
HTTP1	Ambiguity	GET with > 1 space between method and URI $\implies \neg$ reset	Evasion	Low	
HTTP2	Incompleteness	GET with keyword at location > 2048 ⇒ ¬ reset	Evasion	Low	
НТТР3	Incompleteness	GET with keyword in \geq 2nd of multiple requests in single segment $\implies \neg reset$	Evasion	Low	
HTTP4	Incompleteness	GET with URL encoded (except %-encoding) ⇒ ¬ reset	Evasion	Low	1

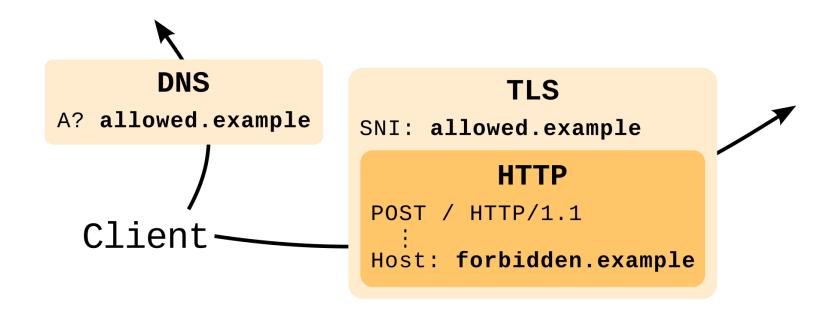
Table 1: Evasion opportunities in GFW's analysis of network traffic.

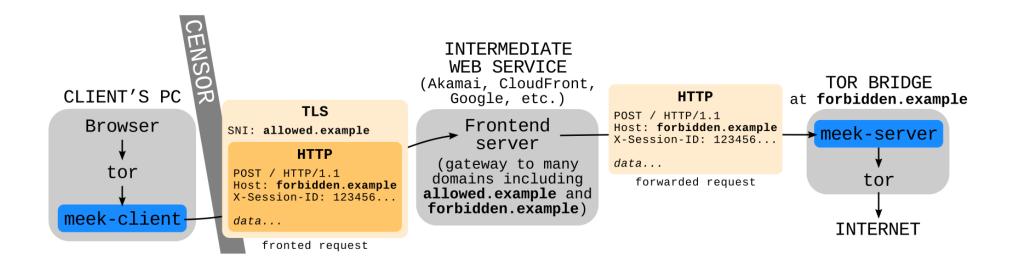
Censor's capabilities	Seen
DNS injection	China 2007 [105], 2011 [89], China 2014 [92];
	Pakistan 2010 [107], 2013 [81]; Iran 2013 [80]
HTTP injection	Pakistan 2013 [81]
TCP RST injection	China 2006 [83], China 2010 [90]
Packet dropping	Iran 2013 [80], China 2015 [77],
Stateless	China 2002 [78], 2006 [83]
Stateful	China 2007 [85], China 2012 [88], China 2013 [79]
Packet reassembly	China 2013 [79]
Using Netsweeper	Pakistan 2013 [101], Qatar 2013 [102],
	UAE 2013 [102], Yemen 2013 [102]
Using Blue Coat	Syria 2011 [96, 108]; Burma 2011 [102];
	UAE 2013 [102], Qatar 2013 [102]
Using SmartFilter	Iran 2004 [109], Qatar 2013 [102],
	Saudi Arabia 2012 [102], UAE 2013 [102]

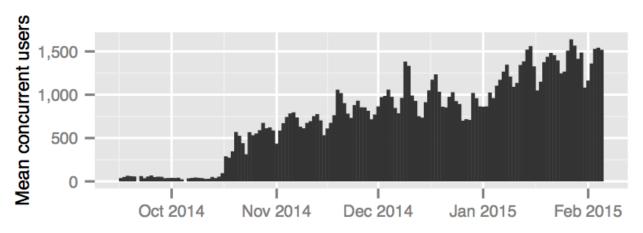
TABLE I

Censor Capabilities as Found in Prior Measurement Studies of Non-circumventing Traffic









	App Engine		CloudFront		Azure (est.)	
	GB	cost	GB	cost	GB	cost
early 2014	37	\$4.28	31	\$3.10	0	\$0.00
Sep 2014	34	\$4.02	36	\$4.59	47	\$5.53
Oct 2014	289	\$40.85	479	\$130.29	298	\$35.04
Nov 2014	1375	\$224.67	1269	\$362.60	500	\$58.80
Dec 2014	2132	\$326.81	1579	\$417.31	512	\$60.21
Jan 2015	2944	\$464.37	2449	\$669.02	638	\$75.03
total	6811	\$1065.00	5843	\$1586.91	1995	\$267.30

	Who	What	How
Polymorphism	Tor bridges, Flash Proxy [99], VPN Gate [177]	Obfs2/3/4, ScrambleSuit [247], Dust [241]	Tor Jun, 2012 ¹
Steganography	Cirripede [118], Decoy routing [142], GoAgent, Meek [221], OSS [100], TapDance [249], Telex [250], CloudTransport [46]	FTE [85], Infranet [96], SkyF2F [54], Collage [49], CensorSpoofer [229], DEFIANCE [156], SkypeMorph [166], StegoTorus [237], Freewave [119], Identity-based Steganographic Tagging [196], Message In A Bottle [126], SWEET [255], Facade [137], Trist [65], Facet [155], DenaLi [171]	Tor Jan, 2011 ² , Tor Sep, 2011 ³ [17]

Table 1: Prior research on evading network-based censorship using obfuscation, organized by primary obfuscation method. Columns show the primary type of feature obfuscated. **Bold** denotes deployed tools.

Attacks	List type	Target	Seen: Description
Website blocking	Blacklist	Who	Thailand 2006: DNS filtering Tor website [80]; Iran & Saudi Arabia 2007: Block GET request pattern with /tor/ [80]; China 2008, Iran 2012: Block Tor website [34, 154].
Block by default	Whitelist	Who	Tunisia 2009: Only allow ports 80/443 [80]; Iran 2013: TCP reset all non-HTTP [33].
SSL throttling/blocking	Blacklist	Who	Iran 2009, 2011 [30,153] SSL throttled to 2 Kb/s; Iran 2012: Block port 443 [154].
IP address blocking	Blacklist	Who	China 2009: Block public relays and directory authorities [151]; China 2010: Block bridges [152]; Iran 2014: Block directory authorities [31].
Deep packet inspection (DPI)	Blacklist	How	Iran 2011: On Diffie–Hellman parameter in SSL handshake [80]; Iran 2011, Iran 2013: On SSL certificate lifetime [79, 153]; Syria 2011 and 2012: On TLS renegotiation [80]; China 2011: On TLS cipher list in "Client Hello" [239]; Iran 2012, UAE 2012: On TLS handshake [154,200]; Iran 2012: On TLS client key exchange [33]; Ethiopia 2012, Kazakhstan 2012: On TLS "Server Hello" [198,199]; Philippines 2012: On TLS cipher suite [242].
Active probing	(Blacklist)	How	Probing is used to populate a blacklist. China 2011, 2013 [120, 243].
Unplug Internet	N/A	N/A	Egypt 2011, Libya 2011 [21], Syria 2012 [61].

Table 2: Survey of Known Tor Censorship Incidents

Large Scale DDoS Attack on github.com



We are currently experiencing the largest DDoS (distributed denial of service) attack in github.com's history. The attack began around 2AM UTC on Thursday, March 26, and involves a wide combination of attack vectors. These include every vector we've seen in previous attacks as well as some sophisticated new techniques that use the web browsers of unsuspecting, uninvolved people to flood github.com with high levels of traffic. Based on reports we've received, we believe the intent of this attack is to convince us to remove a specific class of content.

We are completely focused on mitigating this attack. Our top priority is making sure github.com is available to all our users while deflecting malicious traffic. Please watch our status site or follow @githubstatus on Twitter for real-time updates.

