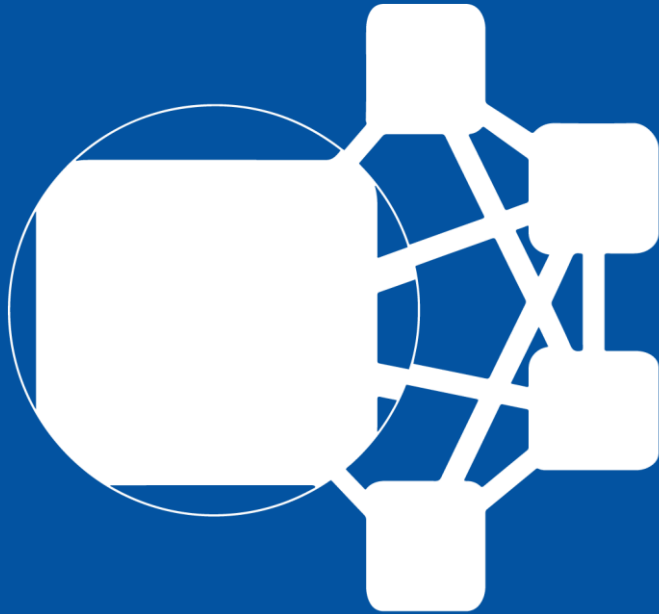


How big data helps secure cloud servers

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Infrastructure



- Distributed Ruleset
- Spark Cluster
 - ~1T RAM, 100s cores
- HDFS
 - 3 replicas (going to 6)

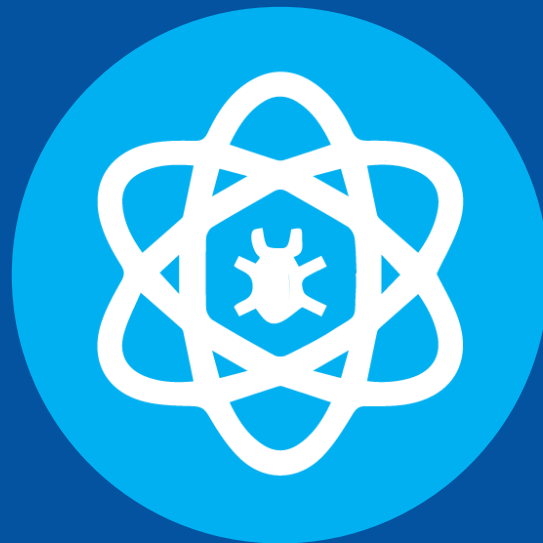
Some things are easy to see

- Brute force is #1
 - WordPress → huge
 - Mail → as big
 - SSH
 - FTP
 - Other CMS → Insignificant

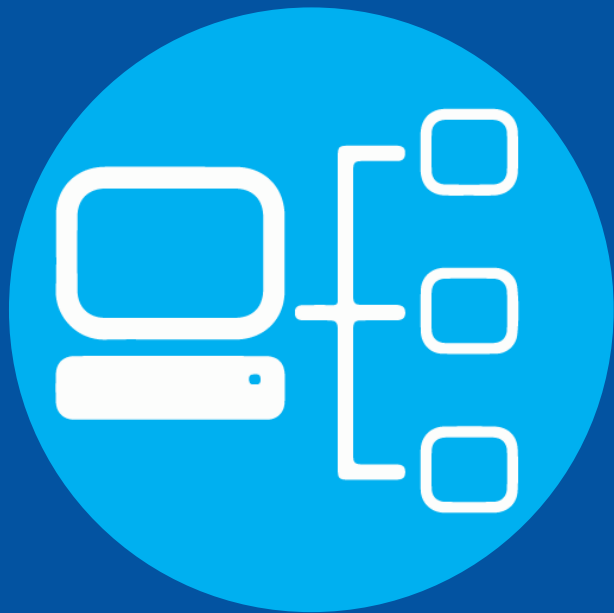


- Exploits → small, very spread out
 - WordPress attacks #1
 - Blind scans are common

Some things are
easy to see



of IPs involved



- Mailbox brute force → subnets
- WordPress → everything
- Exploits → mixed
 - Subnets
 - Specific / 'stable' IPs
 - Datacenters
 - ISPs (DHCP)
 - TOR/VPN/proxy

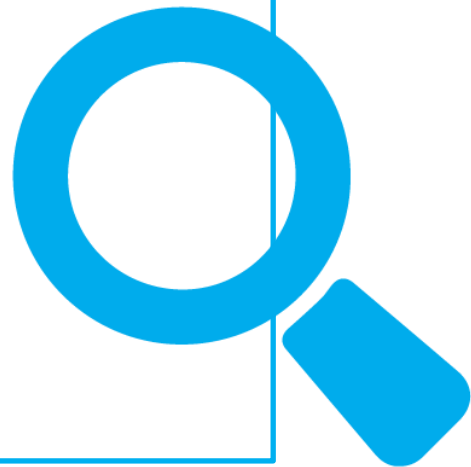
- ~ 15-20K IPs blacklisted daily
 - 50% of IPs change their profile within 5 days
- More servers → more attacking IPs we see. Non linear...
- **Stopping 50x the attacks than a year ago**

of IPs involved



- Not a single Captcha passed
 - WordPress or Mail
- Rarely rotated

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- Specific vulnerabilities
 - Often blind
- Generic exploits
 - SQL Injections
 - PHP Injections
 - HTTP Headers injections
- Dumb vs Smart
 - Some mimic real users

Exploits Hunters



- No rules are really good
 - Too specific (catch just a few, that are also caught by other things)
 - Too generic (a lot of false positives)
- Some rules are really bad
 - Only false positives
 - *3rd party rules*
- Generic rules / catch anything
 - Correlate across many data points

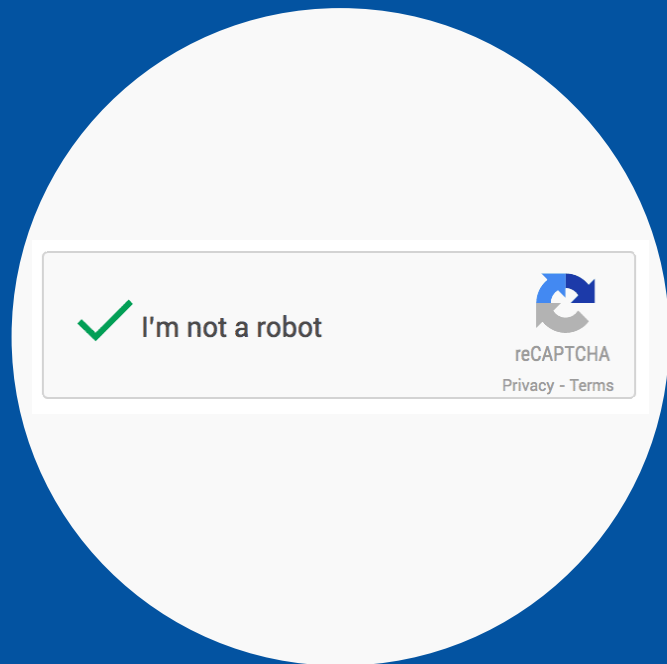
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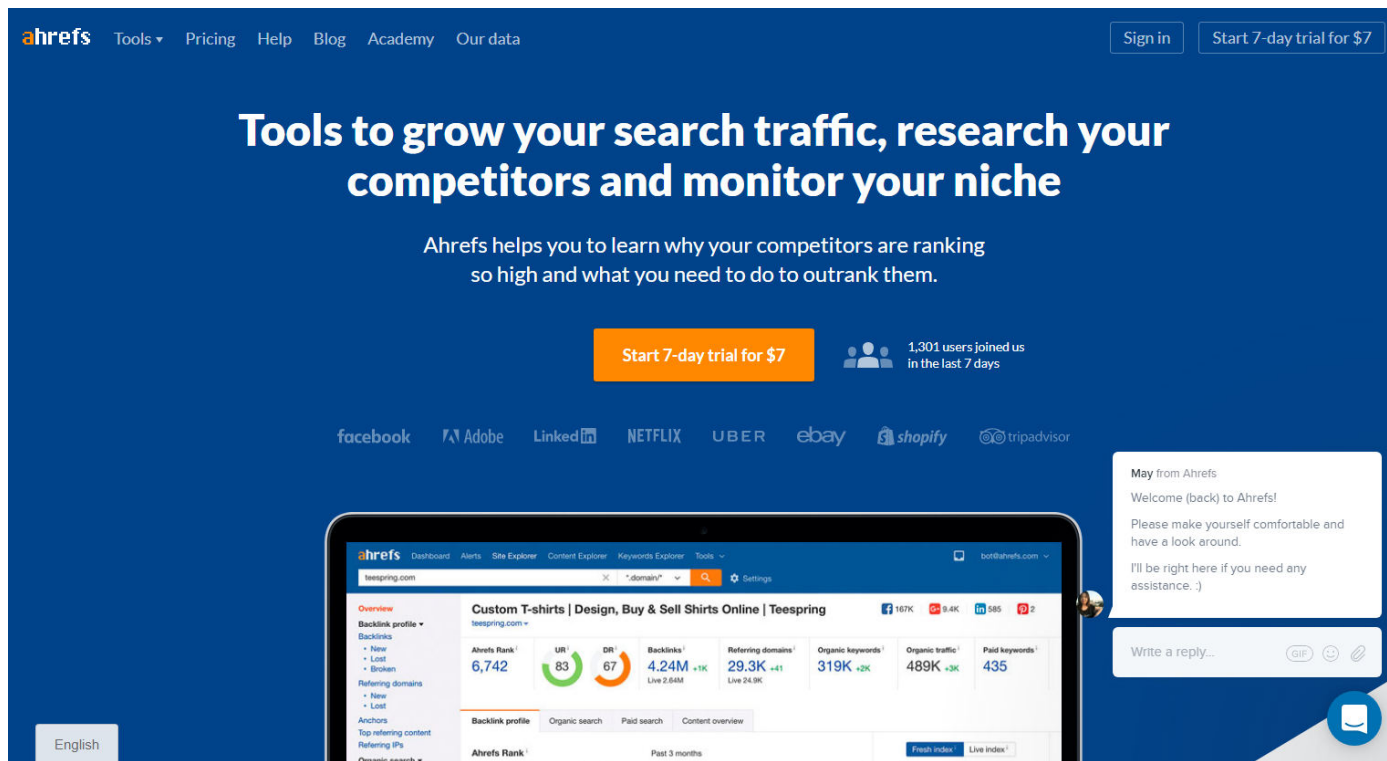
TRACK BAD GUYS/DEVELOP NEW RULES

- Was useful when we started
 - < 0.1% of blocked IPs would pass captcha
- Usefulness dropping
 - ~5% of blocked IPs pass it
 - anti-captcha.com, 1000 captchas for 50c
- JS/splash screens are no help
 - PhantomJS, selenium, etc...

Captcha



Even ahrefs bot now passes captcha



The screenshot shows the Ahrefs website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Ahrefs logo and links for Tools, Pricing, Help, Blog, Academy, and Our data. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are buttons for "Sign in" and "Start 7-day trial for \$7".

The main content area features a large heading: "Tools to grow your search traffic, research your competitors and monitor your niche". Below this heading is a sub-heading: "Ahrefs helps you to learn why your competitors are ranking so high and what you need to do to outrank them." There is an orange button that says "Start 7-day trial for \$7" and a social proof statement: "1,301 users joined us in the last 7 days".

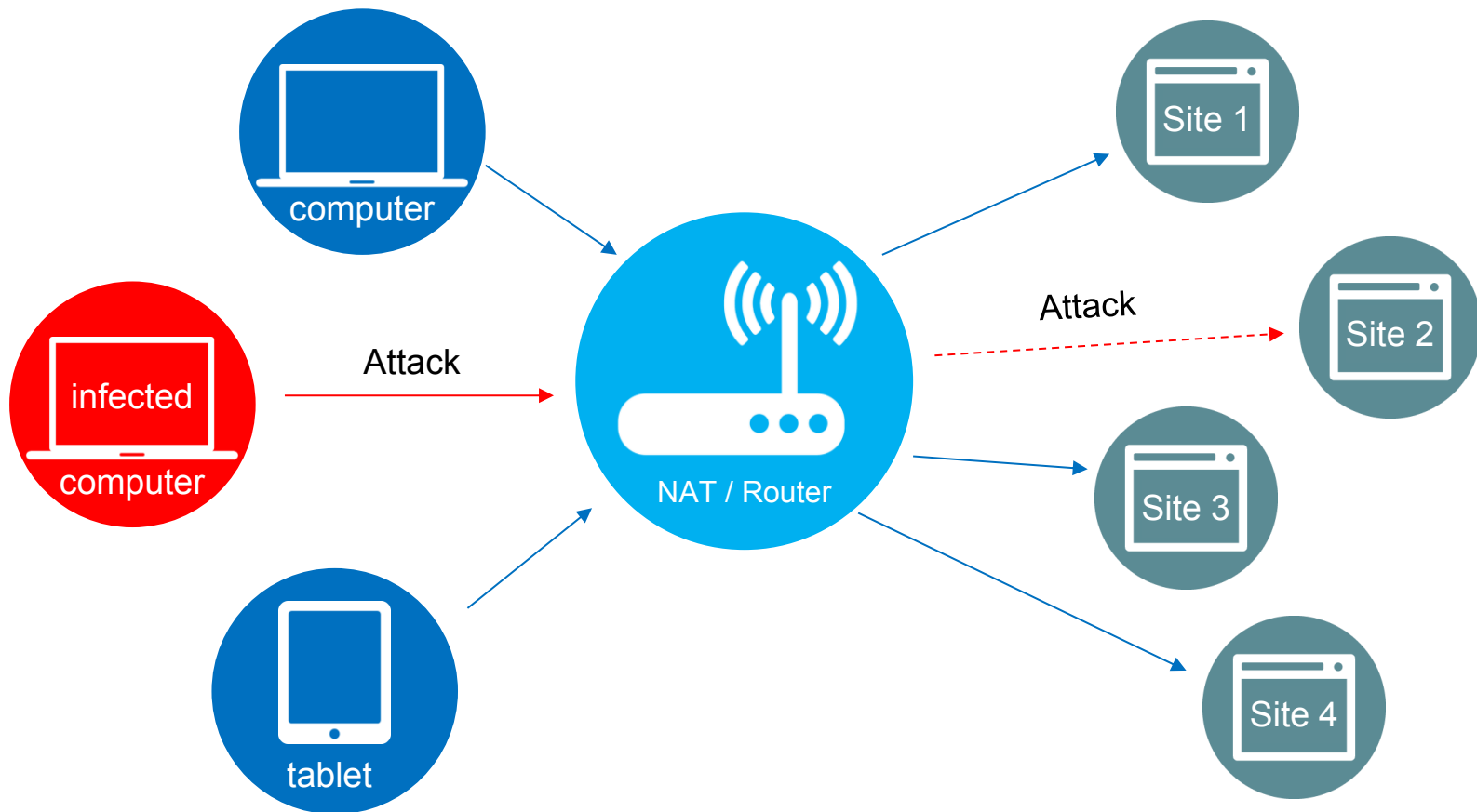
Below the main content, there is a row of social media icons for Facebook, Adobe, LinkedIn, Netflix, Uber, eBay, Shopify, and TripAdvisor.

In the bottom right corner, there is a white chat bubble with a blue header "May from Ahrefs". The message inside the bubble reads: "Welcome (back) to Ahrefs! Please make yourself comfortable and have a look around. I'll be right here if you need any assistance. :)". Below the message is a text input field with the placeholder "Write a reply..." and icons for GIF, emoji, and attachments.

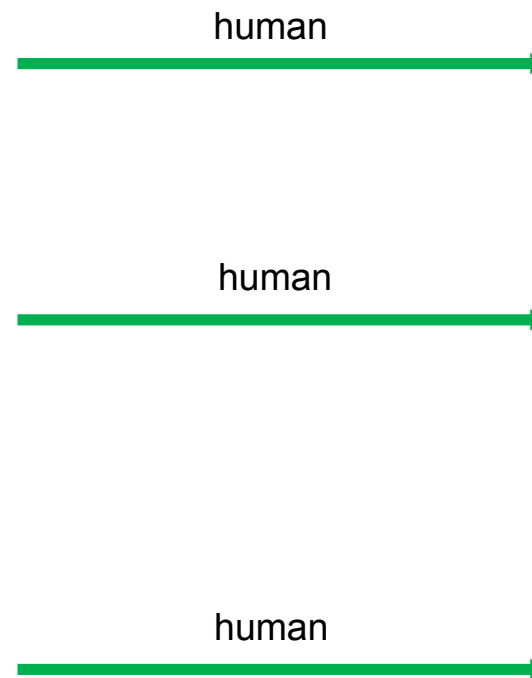
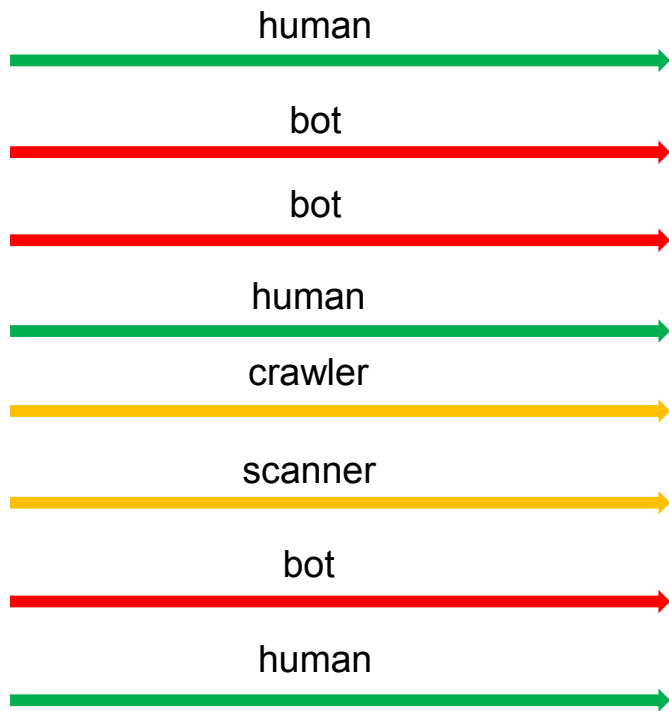
At the bottom left, there is a language selector showing "English".

The background of the screenshot shows a tablet displaying the Ahrefs dashboard for the website "teespring.com". The dashboard includes a sidebar with navigation options like Overview, Backlink profile, Referring domains, and Organic search. The main content area shows various metrics: Ahrefs Rank (6,742), UR (83), DR (67), Backlinks (4.24M), Referring domains (29.3K), Organic keywords (319K), Organic traffic (489K), and Paid keywords (435).

Captcha / DHCP / NAT

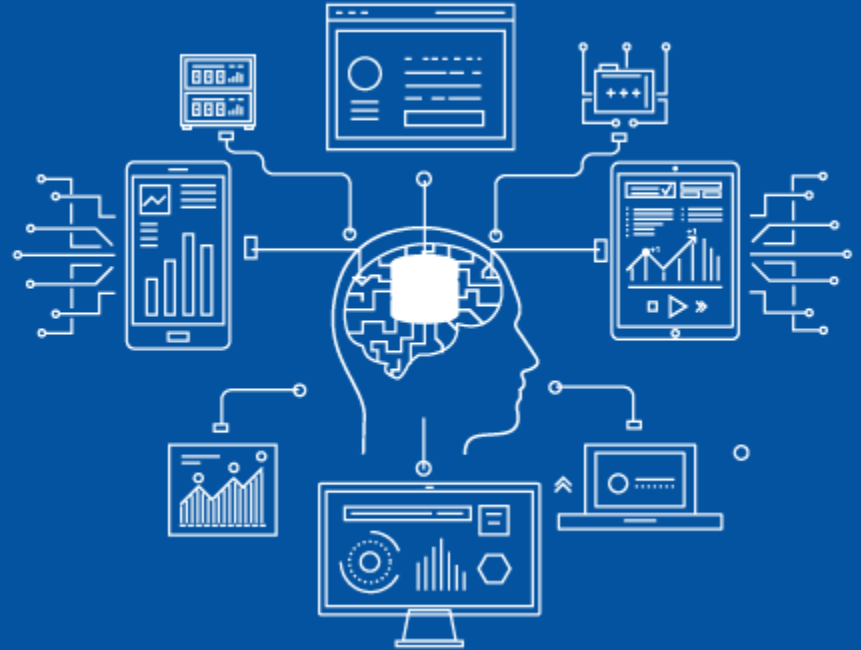


Next Stage: bot filtering



Machine Learning

- Feedback loop / captcha
 - Captcha bypass
 - Still important
- Look for anomalies & trends
- Next stage → client



- NAT
- WebShield
 - NAT
 - Client tagging (cookie)
 - Proof of JS
 - mod_sec
 - Passive client fingerprinting
 - Detect impersonators
 - IP & URI fingerprinting / correlation

What is next



Thank you!
Questions?