

LIU'S VIEW.

Mastering DNS has always been challenging – some would say it's as much art as science. And while I'm thrilled that DNS plays a key role in essentially all network applications, I'm concerned by current trends. We're now seeing more frequent attacks against DNS infrastructure. Recently, for example, we saw a spate of what are referred to as "DNS amplification" attacks in which open recursive name servers are used as amplifiers to swamp targets on the Internet. Turns out that name servers are terrific amplifiers – you can get an amplification factor of nearly 100x. These attacks have raised awareness of the vulnerability of Internet name servers, which is possibly the only positive result.

Dealing with DNS issues is becoming a full time job for organizations. My company, Infoblox, provides leading edge products to help IT managers better handle their DNS network management challenges.

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