

Prolexic launches new online DoS and DDoS attack glossary

HOLLYWOOD, US: Prolexic Technologies, the global leader in Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) protection services, announced today that it has added an extensive [glossary](#) of DoS and DDoS terms to its online Knowledge Centre, explaining the tools and methods hackers use target organisations.

The Glossary of Terms defines more than 60 common acronyms and technical terms used to describe DDoS attacks. Such [attacks increased 10 percent in Q2 2012](#), according to the Prolexic Security Engineering & Response Team (PLXsert). Armed with this new resource, at-risk businesses can now decipher industry jargon to better understand the nature of a potential denial of service threat.

"When faced with a DDoS attack, confusion can quickly set in, especially when an organisation's key IT personnel are unavailable," said Stuart Scholly, Prolexic's president. "Decision makers typically aren't familiar with these terms, but have to act fast. This glossary provides one more tool to help them promptly assess the situation and take appropriate action to mitigate any damage."

Media outlets will also benefit from access to the glossary. Whether covering [amplification attacks](#) or [UDP protocols](#), reporters can easily research complex technical aspects of cybercrime and inform the general public with greater accuracy.

"Malicious hackers already know this stuff," said Scholly. "They know the difference between a Layer 4 and Layer 7 attack. When businesses and media can speak their language, too, it becomes more difficult to catch a potential target off guard."

Prolexic will update the Glossary of Terms frequently to keep pace with emerging threats and trends. The Glossary is available to the public free of charge at www.prolexic.com/ddos-glossary and does not require registration.

About Prolexic

Prolexic Technologies is the world's largest, most trusted Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) protection and mitigation service provider. Able to absorb the largest and most complex DDoS attacks ever launched, Prolexic protects and restores within minutes mission-critical Internet-facing infrastructures for global enterprises and government agencies. Ten of the world's largest banks and the leading companies in e-Commerce, SaaS, payment processing, travel, hospitality, gaming and other industries at risk for DDoS attacks rely on Prolexic for DDoS protection. Founded in 2003 as the world's first in-the-cloud DDoS mitigation platform, Prolexic is headquartered in Hollywood, Florida, and has DDoS scrubbing centres located in the Americas, Europe and Asia. To learn more about how Prolexic can stop DDoS attacks and protect your business, please visit prolexic.com, and follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Google+](#) and [@Prolexic](#) on [Twitter](#).

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