

# Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS)

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A **Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS)** is malicious attack attempting to disrupt normal traffic of a targeted [server](#), service or `dido:public:ra:xapend:xapend.a_glossary:n:network[]` by overwhelming the target or its surrounding infrastructure with a flood of [Internet](#) traffic.

DDoS attacks achieve effectiveness by utilizing multiple compromised computer systems as sources of attack traffic. Exploited machines can include computers and other networked resources such as [//www.cloudflare.com/learning/ddos/what-is-a-ddos-attack/](https://www.cloudflare.com/learning/ddos/what-is-a-ddos-attack/)

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