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Reaper Botnet Has Come For The Internet

A brand-new, and massive, internet of things (IoT) botnet is poised to bring down the internet. According to Check Point's research team, this new baddie, ominously dubbed "Reaper," is recruiting IoT devices such as IP wireless cameras and DVRs at a far faster rate than the Mirai botnet did in 2016—and it already is estimated to have infected multiple devices in more than a million organizations globally.

It also appears that Reaper is still merely a baby botnet. It continues to grow in the shadows, without carrying out—as yet—any attacks. Its authors instead seem consumed with adding as many devices to its army as possible.