# SECURITY Q4 2017

## ATTACK VOLUME CONTINUES TO GROW

#### DDoS Attacks, Q4 2017 vs. Q4 2016



**14% increase** in total DDoS attacks.

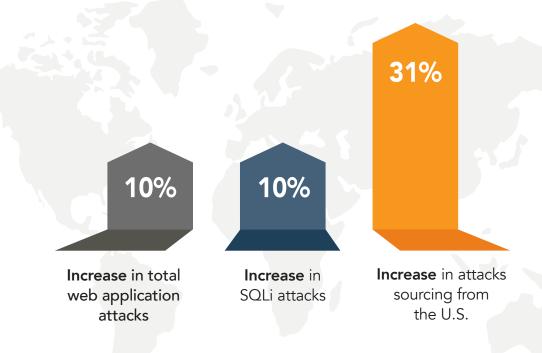
**14% Increase** in infrastructure layer (layers 3 & 4) attacks.



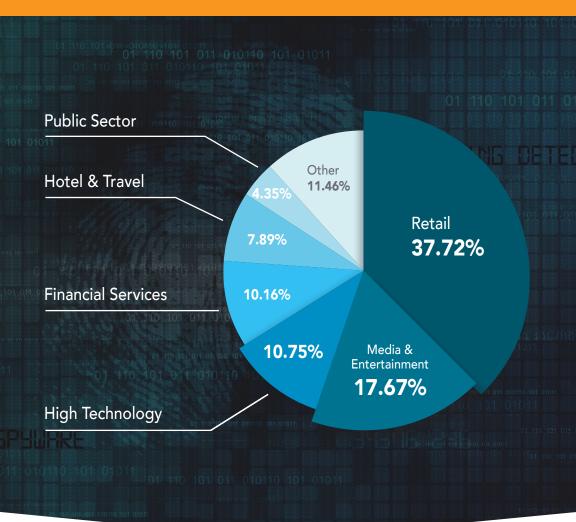


**4% increase** in reflection-based attacks.

#### Web Application Attacks, Q4 2017 vs. Q4 2016



## WEB APPLICATION THREATS CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON INDUSTRIES WITH HIGH-VALUE DATA



### TAKING A CLOSER LOOK



**Spidering activity** by search engines is responsible for a large majority of the bot traffic seen in our data, with nearly 40 billion requests, in November alone. The second largest source of bot traffic came from site monitoring



applications, which received 9.3 billion requests.



Analyzing some unique data sets on Akamai's network connectivity, **botnet traffic**, **and credential abuse** revealed that a high percentage (43%)



of website login attempts were malicious.

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