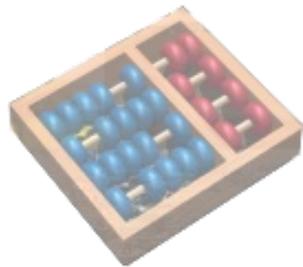


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## Ataques contra o SMTP

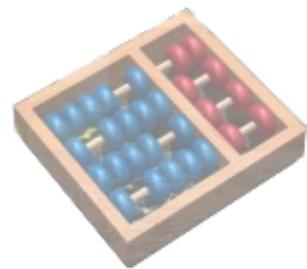
Como as botnets enviam spam

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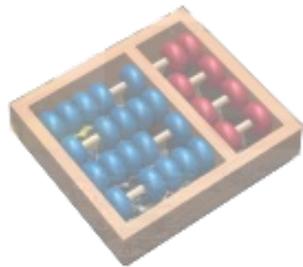
# E-mail no IC

- Recebe há muitos anos - usuários tinham acesso ao mbox via NFS.
- É importantíssimo para as atividades de professores e alunos (2400 usuários).
- Qualquer problema é notado rapidamente.



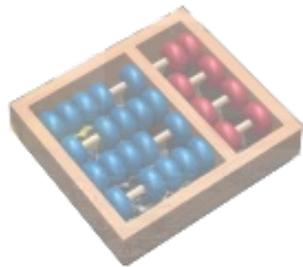
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- CentOS
- **Postfix**
- Dovecot
- Amavis
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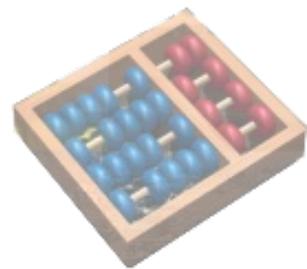
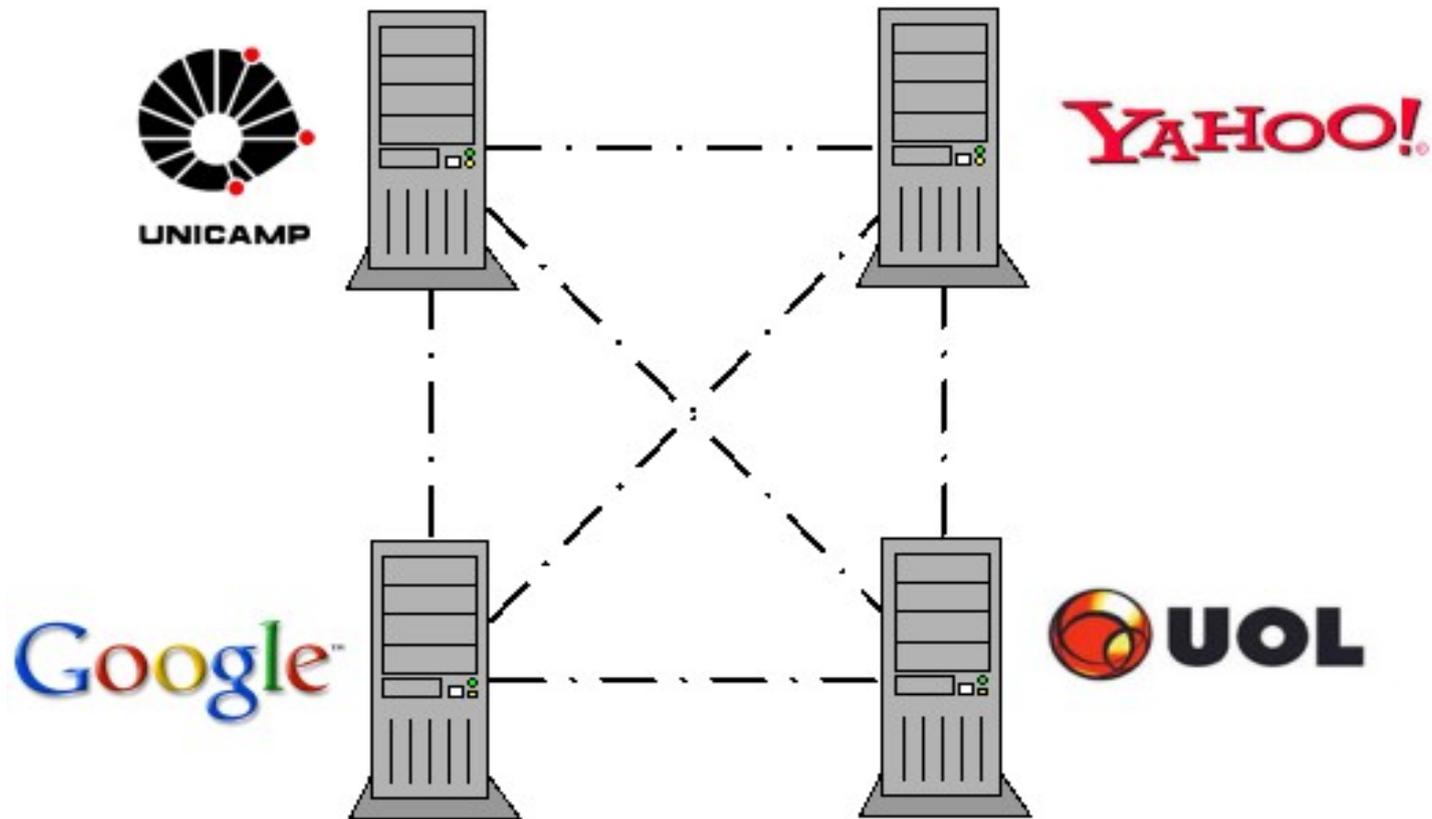


# SMTP

- É o protocolo, não temos outro. Paciência.
- Modelos “pull” não são escaláveis. Desista.
- Existe há 27 anos e continua em uso.
- Talvez seja tarde demais para mudar.

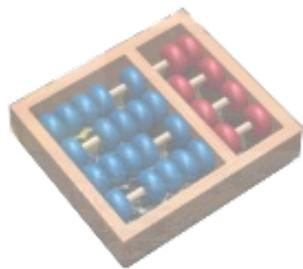


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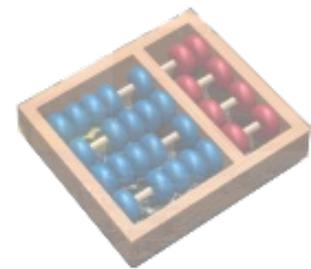
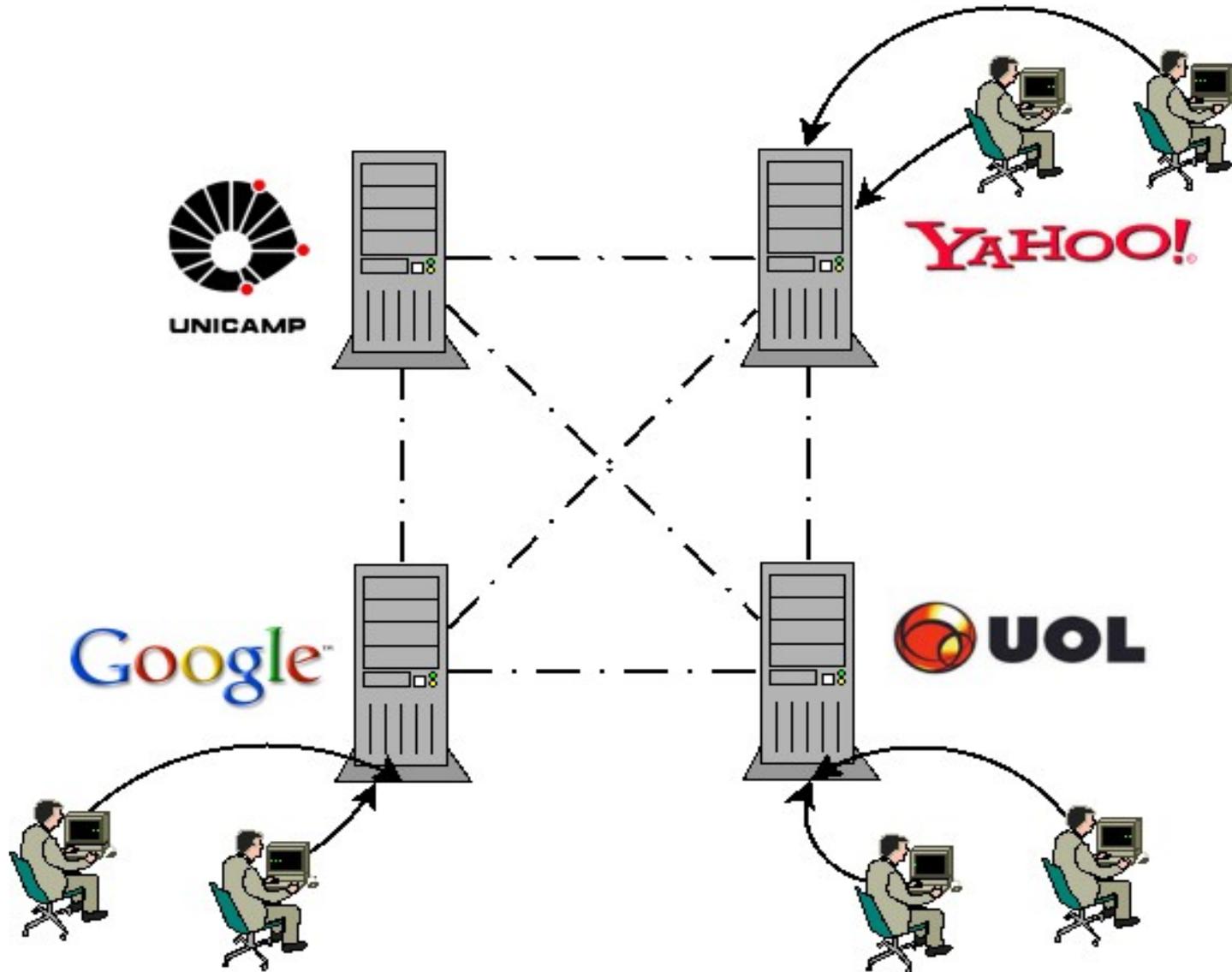


# Pseudo-federação

- Redes estáveis.
- Facilmente identificáveis.
- Alta concentração de usuários.

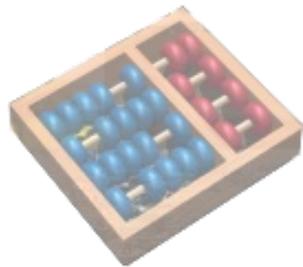


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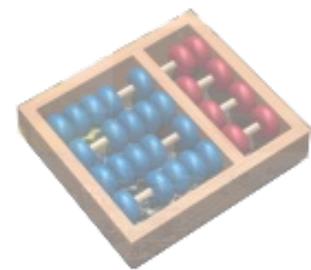


# Pseudo-federação

- Usuários submetem mensagens no provedor.
- Provedores podem identificar facilmente abuso.
- Usuários não acessam diretamente o MX dos destinatários.
- Gerência da porta 25 já!

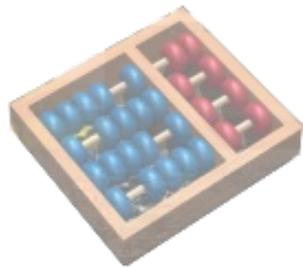


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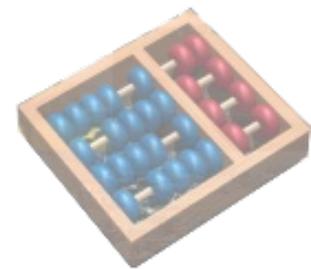
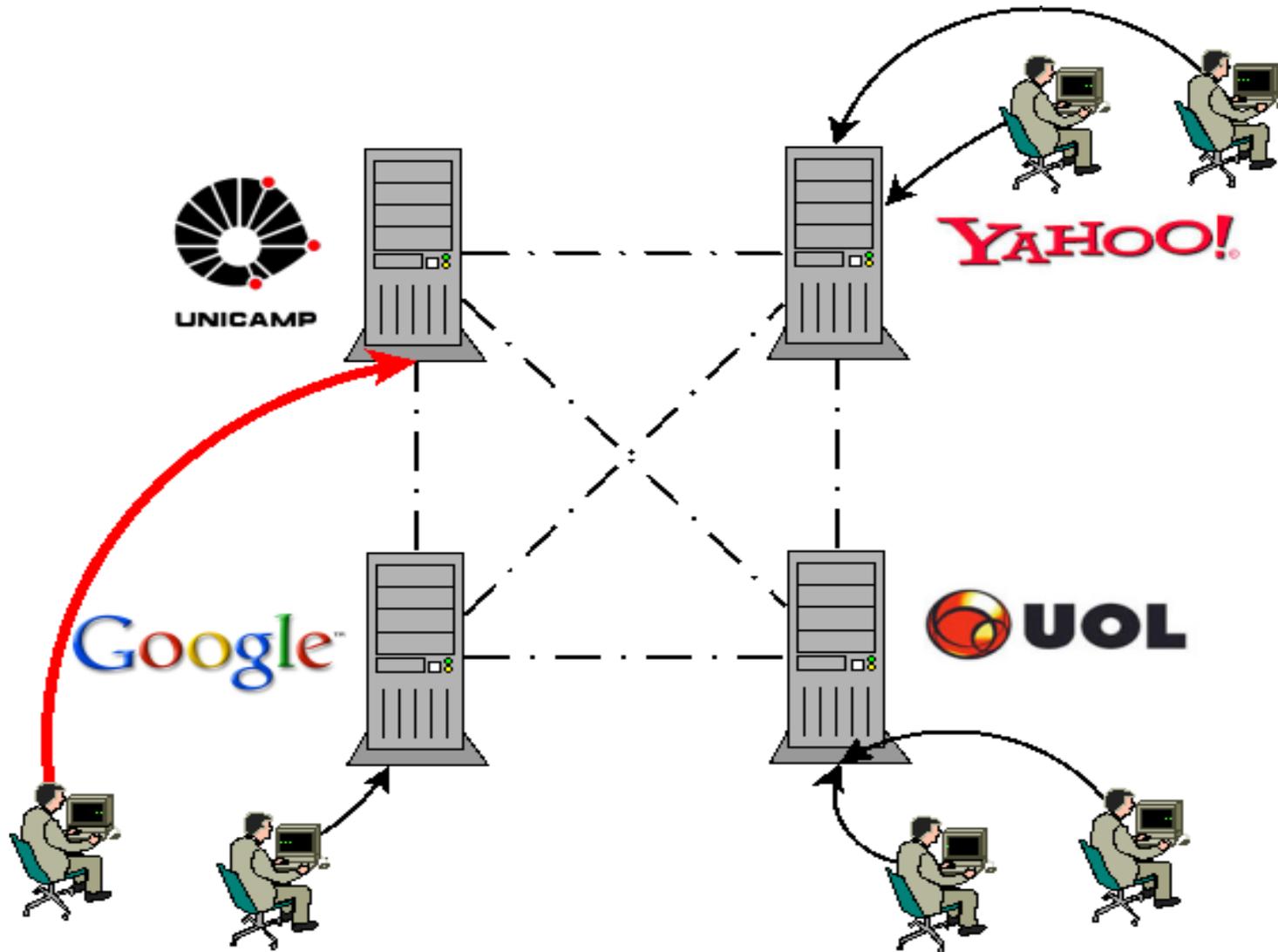


# Botnet

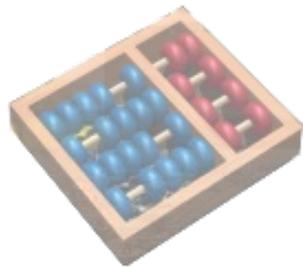
- Conjunto de computadores controlados por um terceiro remotamente.
- Cada computador é chamado de zumbi.
- O software malicioso faz de tudo para não ser detectado.
- Os zumbis são utilizados para vários propósitos, entre eles enviar spam.



# Pseudo-federação

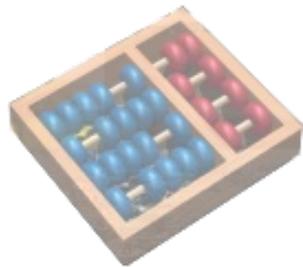


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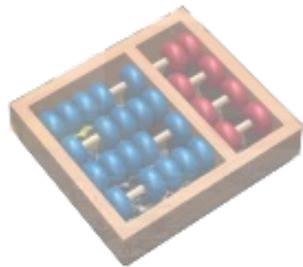


# Como evitar os zumbis?

- RFCs são fundamentais.
- Servidores da “federação” seguem as RFCs, zumbis não.
- Zumbis exploram alguns “equívocos” do protocolo.

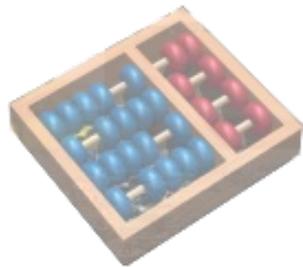


O bom e velho SMTP...



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$ dig +short -t mx gmail.com
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5 gmail-smtp-in.1.google.com.  
10 alt1.gmail-smtp-in.1.google.com.  
20 alt2.gmail-smtp-in.1.google.com.  
30 alt3.gmail-smtp-in.1.google.com.  
40 alt4.gmail-smtp-in.1.google.com.
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220 gmail-smtp-in.1.google.com ESMTTP

EHLO taquaral.ic.unicamp.br

250-mx.google.com

250-SIZE 35651584

250 PIPELINING

MAIL FROM: <miguel@ic.unicamp.br>

250 2.1.0 Ok

RCPT TO: <miguel.filho@gmail.com>

250 2.1.0 Ok

DATA

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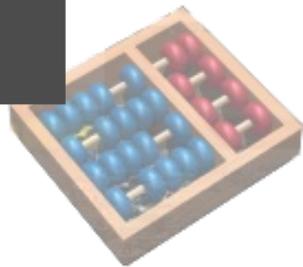
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From: Miguel <miguel@ic.unicamp.br>

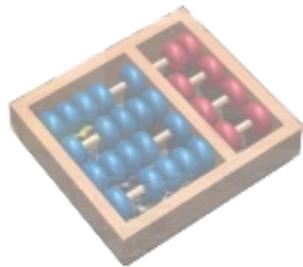
Esse é o corpo.

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250 2.0.0 Ok: queued as D3F99100A4



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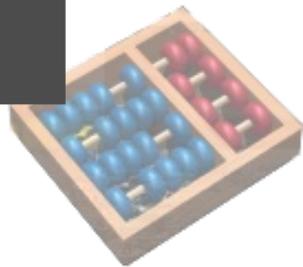
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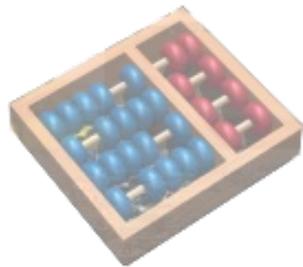
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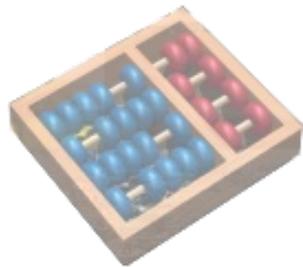
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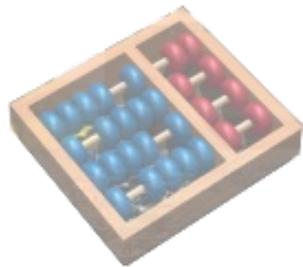
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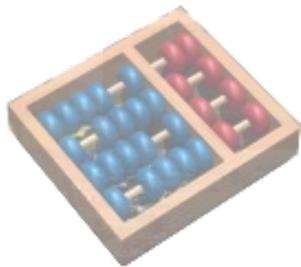


# HELO/EHLO

- Zumbis não fornecem um FQDN
  - peceza0
  - xyzjufhhjtyf
- Utilize **reject\_non\_fqdn\_helo\_hostname**

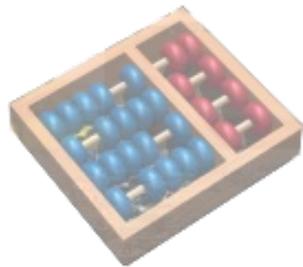


Zumbis não dizem olá de verdade.



# HELO/EHLO

- FQDNs válidos e inválidos:
  - localhost
  - Seu próprio nome
- RFC não dá essa dica.



220 gmail-smtp-in.1.google.com ESMTTP

EHLO localhost

250-mx.google.com

250-SIZE 35651584

250 PIPELINING

MAIL FROM: <miguel@ic.unicamp.br>

250 2.1.0 Ok

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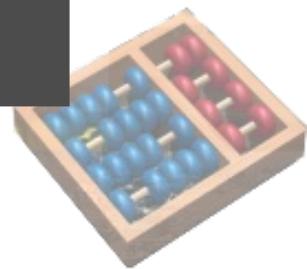
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From: Miguel <miguel@ic.unicamp.br>

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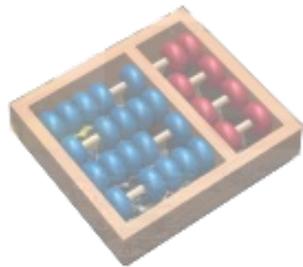


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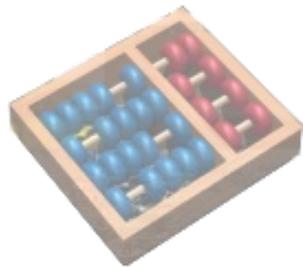
check\_helo\_access regexp:/etc/postfix/helo-checks.regexp

/^mx\.dominio\.br\$/ REJECT You are not me

/localhost/ REJECT No, you are not localhost

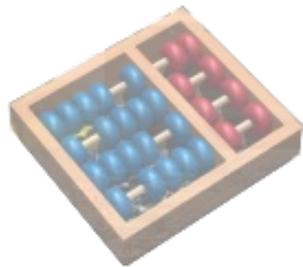


Zumbis dizem olá com um sorriso  
amarelo.



# HELO/EHLO

“In situations in which the SMTP client system does not have a meaningful domain name (e.g., when its address is dynamically allocated and no reverse mapping record is available), the client **SHOULD** send an address literal...”



220 gmail-smtp-in.1.google.com ESMTTP

EHLO [143.106.7.43]

250-mx.google.com

250-SIZE 35651584

250 PIPELINING

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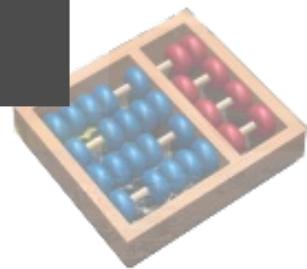
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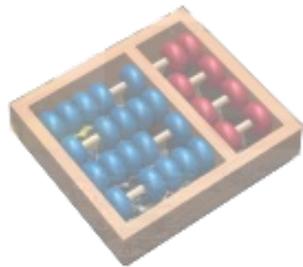
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# HELO/EHLO

- IP literal não é utilizado na “federação”
- Zumbis é que usam IP literal
- É seguro negar esses casos

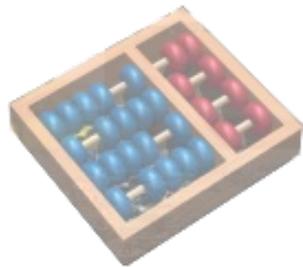


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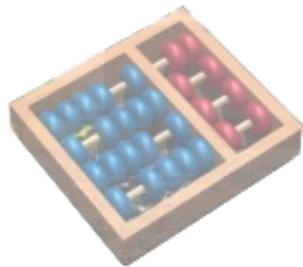
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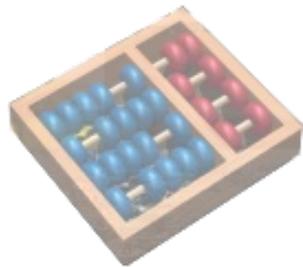


Zumbis não tem reverso.

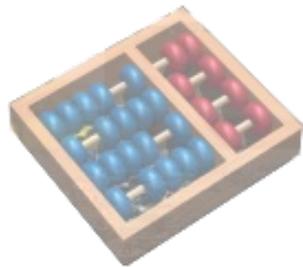


# Reverso

- RFC 1912: Common DNS Operational and Configuration Errors
- **“Make sure your PTR and A records match.**  
For every IP address, there should be a matching PTR record in the in-addr.arpa domain.”
- Utilize **reject\_unknown\_client\_hostname**

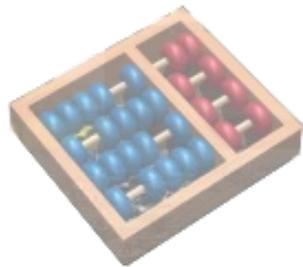


Zumbis tem muita pressa.



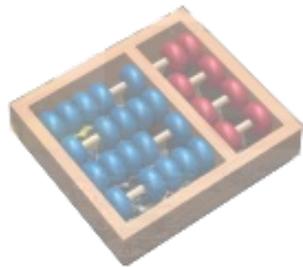
# Limitação de velocidade

- Zumbis abrem conexões loucamente
  - Mantêm muitas conexões simultâneas
  - Abrem novas conexões rapidamente
  - Tentam entregar para muitos remetentes
- Não deixe seu servidor sem limites

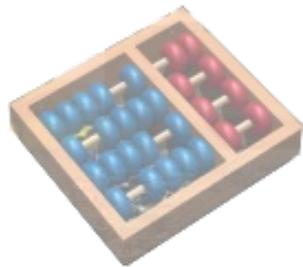


# Limitação de velocidade

- `smtpd_client_connection_rate_limit = 15`
- `smtpd_client_connection_count_limit = 10`
- `smtpd_client_message_rate_limit = 25`



Zumbis não reconhecem quando erram.



220 gmail-smtp-in.1.google.com ESMTTP

EHLO taquaral.ic.unicamp.br

250-mx.google.com

250-SIZE 35651584

250 PIPELINING

MAIL FROM: <miguel@ic.unicamp.br>

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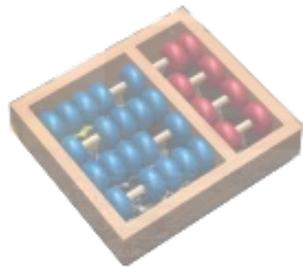
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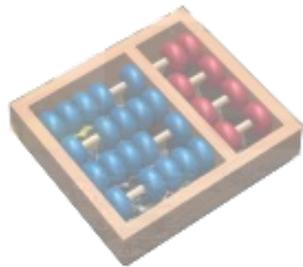
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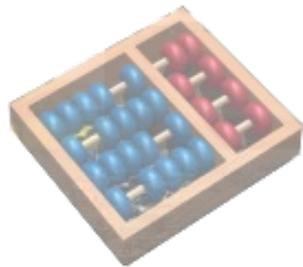
# Erros são ignorados

- Zumbis ignoram erros
  - Servidores aceitam comandos após erro (RFC autoriza)
  - Controles de velocidade podem ser irrelevantes

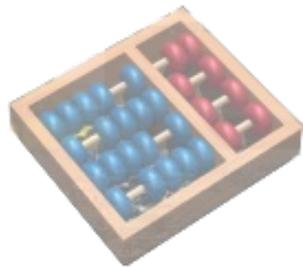


# Zumbis devem sofrer se errarem

- `smtpd_hard_error_limit = 3`
- `smtpd_soft_error_limit = 1`
- `smtpd_error_sleep_time = 20s`



Zumbis são fracos. Eles dão reboot.



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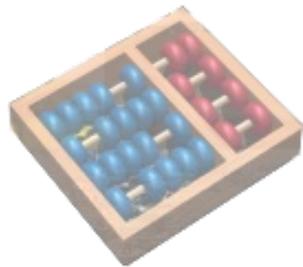
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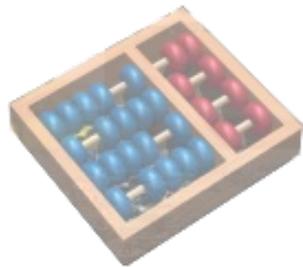
RSET

250 2.0.0 Ok



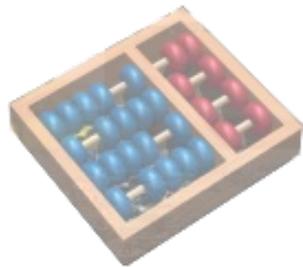
# RSET

“This command specifies that the current mail transaction will be aborted. Any stored sender, recipients, and mail data **MUST** be discarded, and all buffers and state tables cleared.”

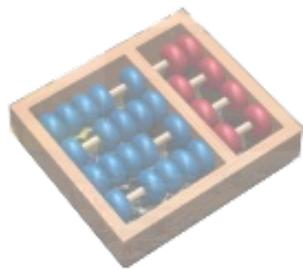


# RSET

- `smtpd_junk_command_limit = 1`
- `smtpd_error_sleep_time = 20s`
- **Colocar os zumbis para dormir é muito eficiente**

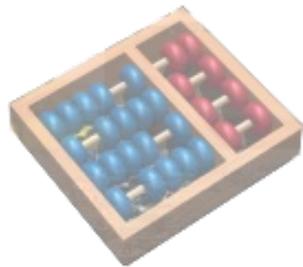


Zumbis estão na SpamHaus.

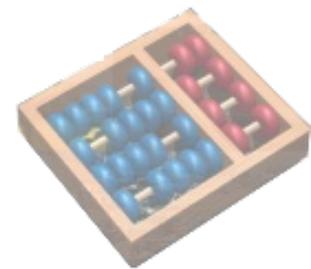
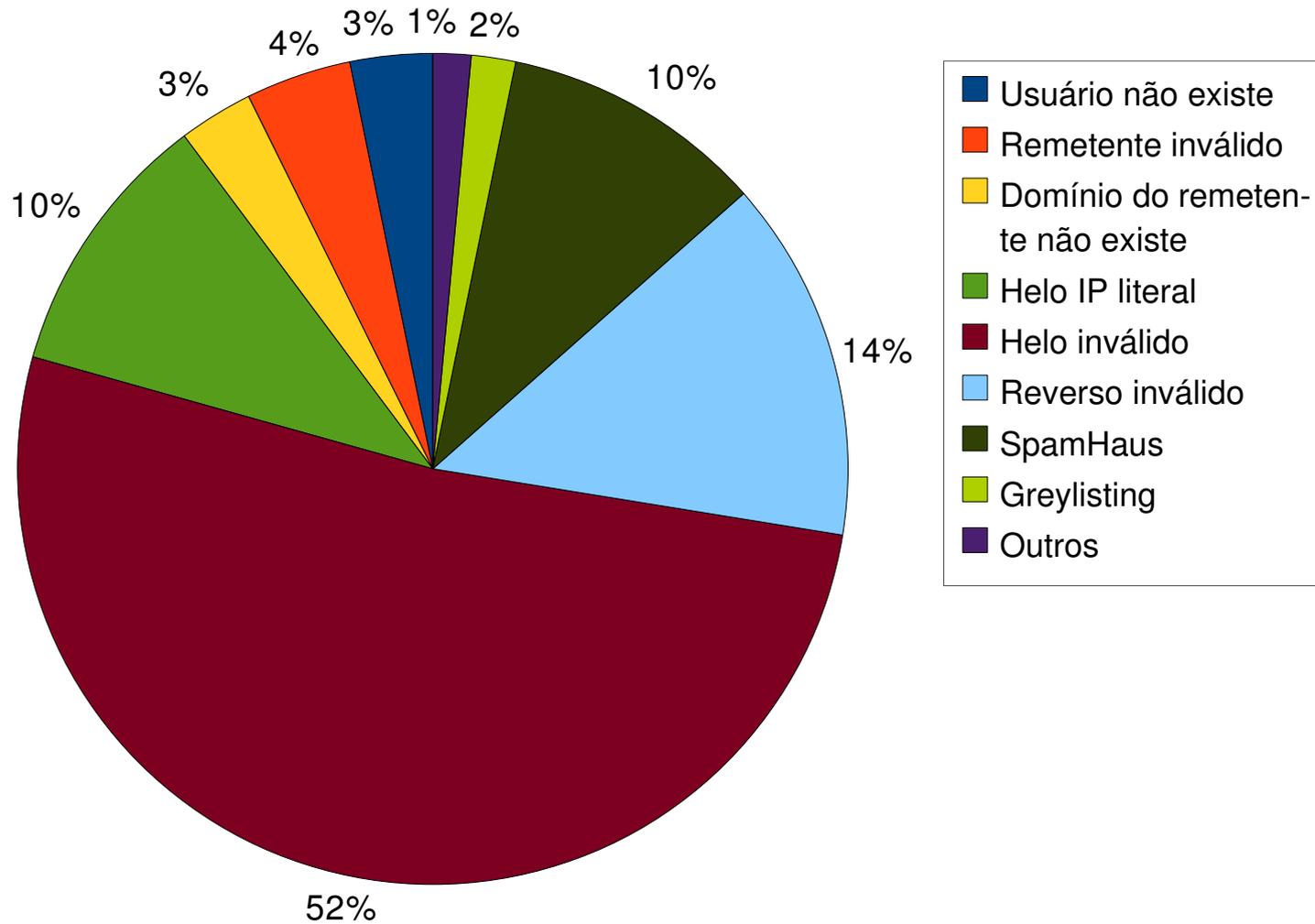


# Mais técnicas anti-spam

- Verificar se domínio remetente tem MX
  - IP público
- Potencial para falsos positivos:
  - Verificar se FQDN no EHLO/HELO existe
  - Verificar se FQDN do EHLO/HELO é o mesmo do cliente se conectando

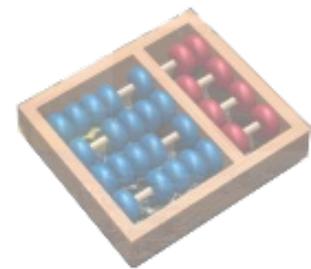


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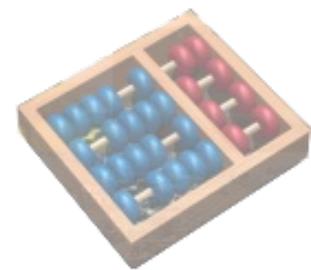


# Mais números

- ~220000 mensagens recusadas
- ~6300 desconexões depois de um RSET e outras ~6000 timeouts variados e conexões ignoradas por *rate limiting*
- ~23000 chegaram ao Amavis
  - 1425 eram spam

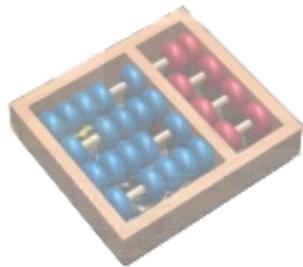


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# Seja um bom cidadão

- Faça seu servidor entregar mensagens com calma
  - `smtp_destination_concurrency_limit = 5`
  - `smtp_destination_recipient_limit = 10`



Obrigado!

<http://www.ic.unicamp.br/~miguel>

