

THE TRUE COST OF SECURITY – THE IMPACT TO END USER QoS IN A MOBILE WORLD

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“...Project management did not recognize the value of or need for independent tests...”

Nov 1990 – NASA
The Hubble
Space Telescope
Optical Systems
Failure Report

RFC 2889

RFC 5180

RFC 1242

RFC 4814

RFC 3511

RFC 2285

RFC 4689

RFC 2647

RFC 2432

RFC 3918

RFC 2544



High Scale Performance Testing

- ▶ Test for flood of new users joining
 - ▶ Multi-million conn/sec.
- ▶ High rate data transfer
 - ▶ Hundreds of Gbps of statefull line-rate bandwidth
- ▶ Concurrent users-sessions
 - ▶ 100s of million open connections
- ▶ Thousands of Apps
- ▶ Custom App Flows



Firewalls are getting bigger with Terabit ready platforms available in the market.

Consolidated services make it critical to support higher user loads

Advanced Security Testing

- ▶ Mix of Applications with DDoS attacks
 - ▶ ARPFlood, PingOfDeath, TearDrop, TCPPortScan, ResetFlood, Smurf, SynFlood, UDPPortScan, XMasTree,...
- ▶ Stateful & Stateless Attacks with evasion
 - ▶ Fragmentation, Re-ordering, Overlapping frags.
- ▶ One armed and two armed attacks
- ▶ Custom attacks with DDoS

DDoS attacks even though well known are still commonly used to cause disruption

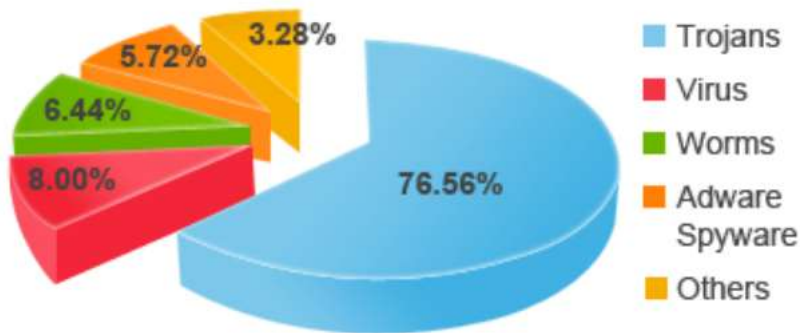


There have been documented 100G+ DDoS attacks

Malware Testing

- ▶ Infected host emulation
- ▶ Binary transfer emulation
- ▶ Malware testing under load
- ▶ Continuously updating database

MALWARE INFECTIONS BY TYPE IN 2012



Source: PandaLabs Annual Report for 2012 by Panda Security



There are 60,000 pieces of new malware discovered daily

Application Aware Testing

- ▶ Thousands of Apps
- ▶ Apps with different versions
- ▶ Multiple OSes – PC, iOS, Android, ...
- ▶ Application behavior
- ▶ Custom application
- ▶ Application policy testing
- ▶ App server testing



— Measuring the True Cost...

- ▶ **Massive Performance**
 - ▶ More connections per user
 - ▶ More internet connected devices
 - ▶ Higher data transfers
- ▶ **Security Attacks**
 - ▶ Malware, DDoS
 - ▶ Fuzzing
 - ▶ Authentication, SSL & IPSec
- ▶ **Thousands of Applications**
 - ▶ Many new apps released daily
 - ▶ For many endpoint devices
 - ▶ Unique impact on the network



DATASHEET
CLAIMS



REAL
WORLD
TESTING

Vendor A

Vendor B

Vendor C

Vendor D



300
Mbps

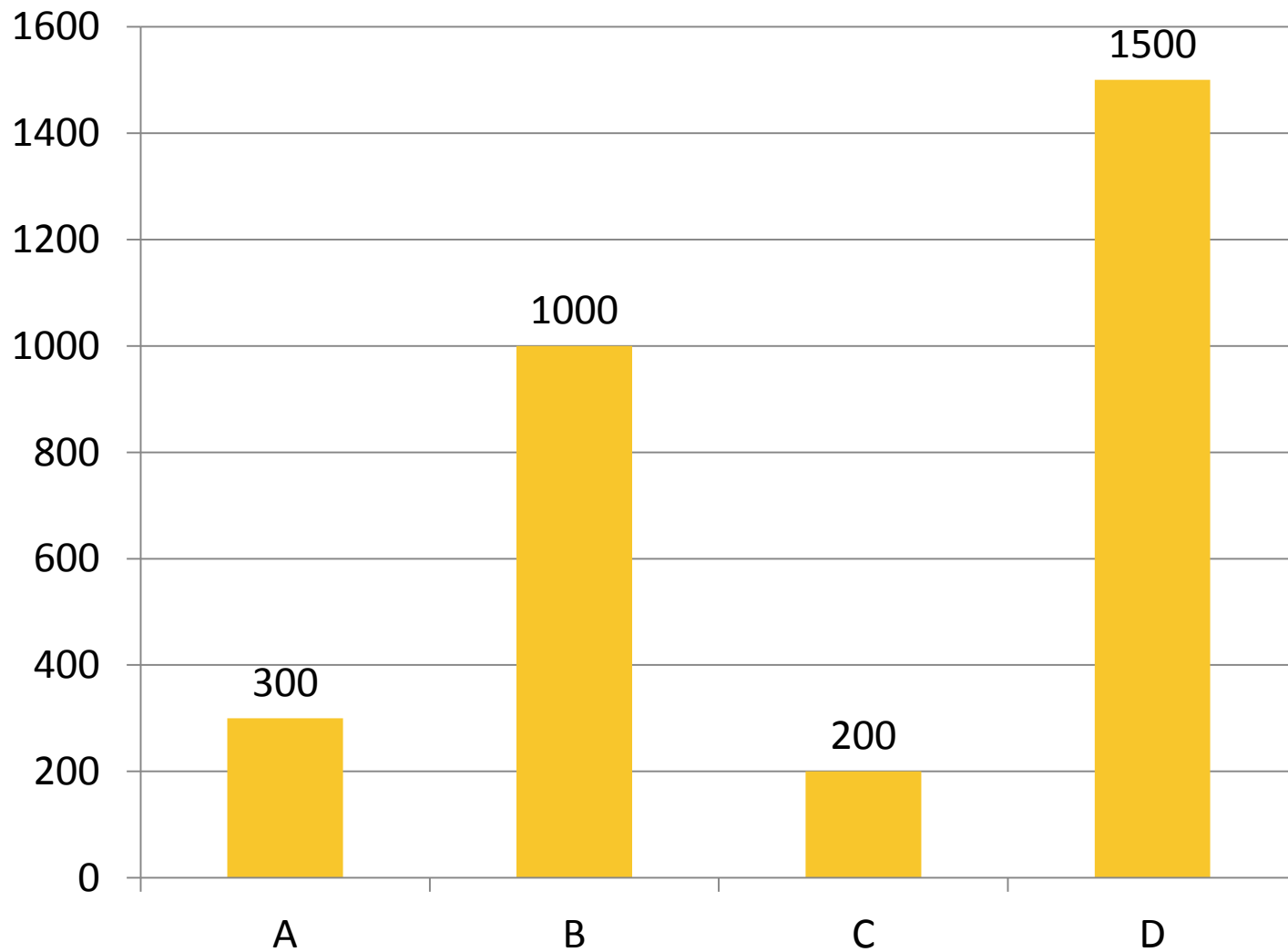
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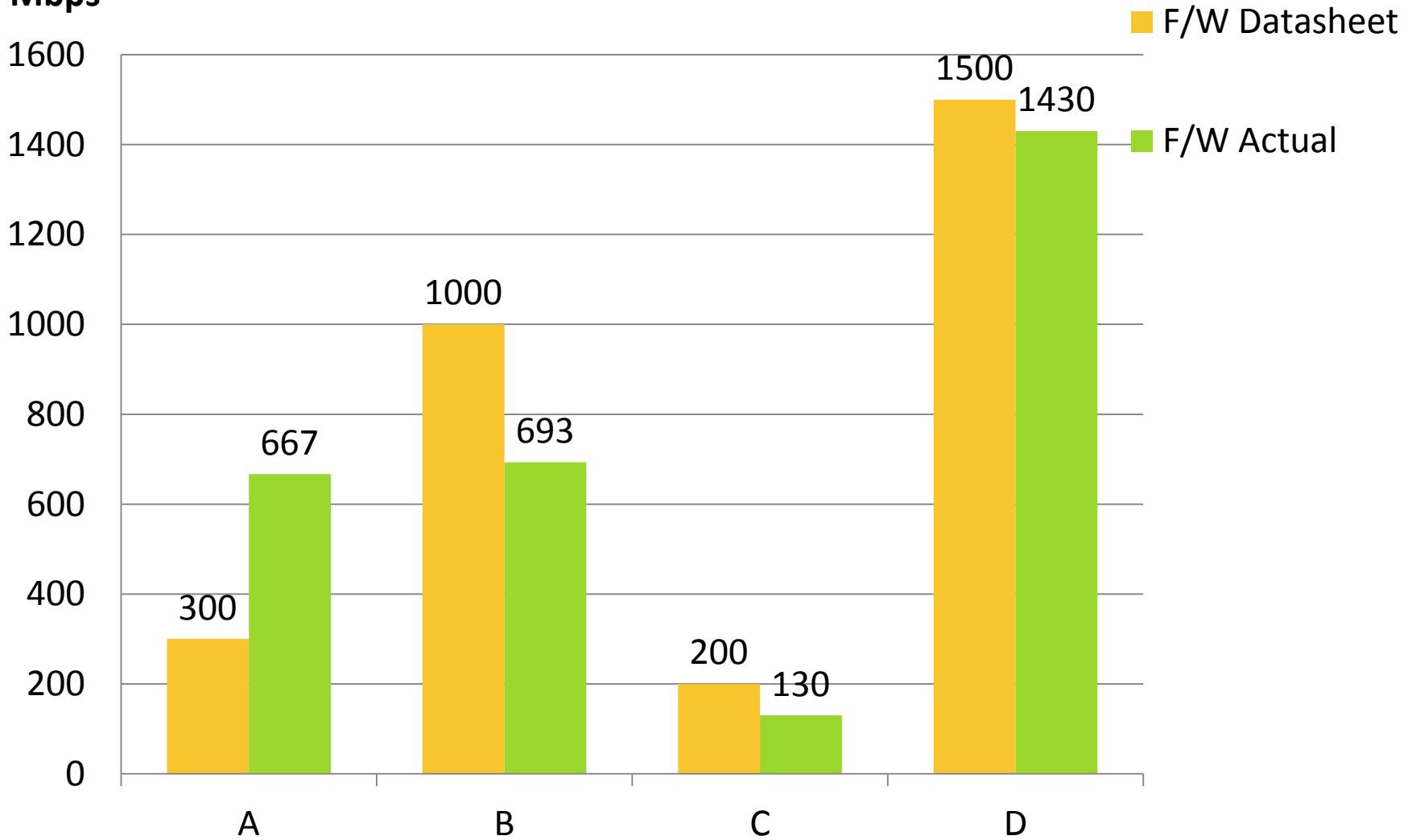
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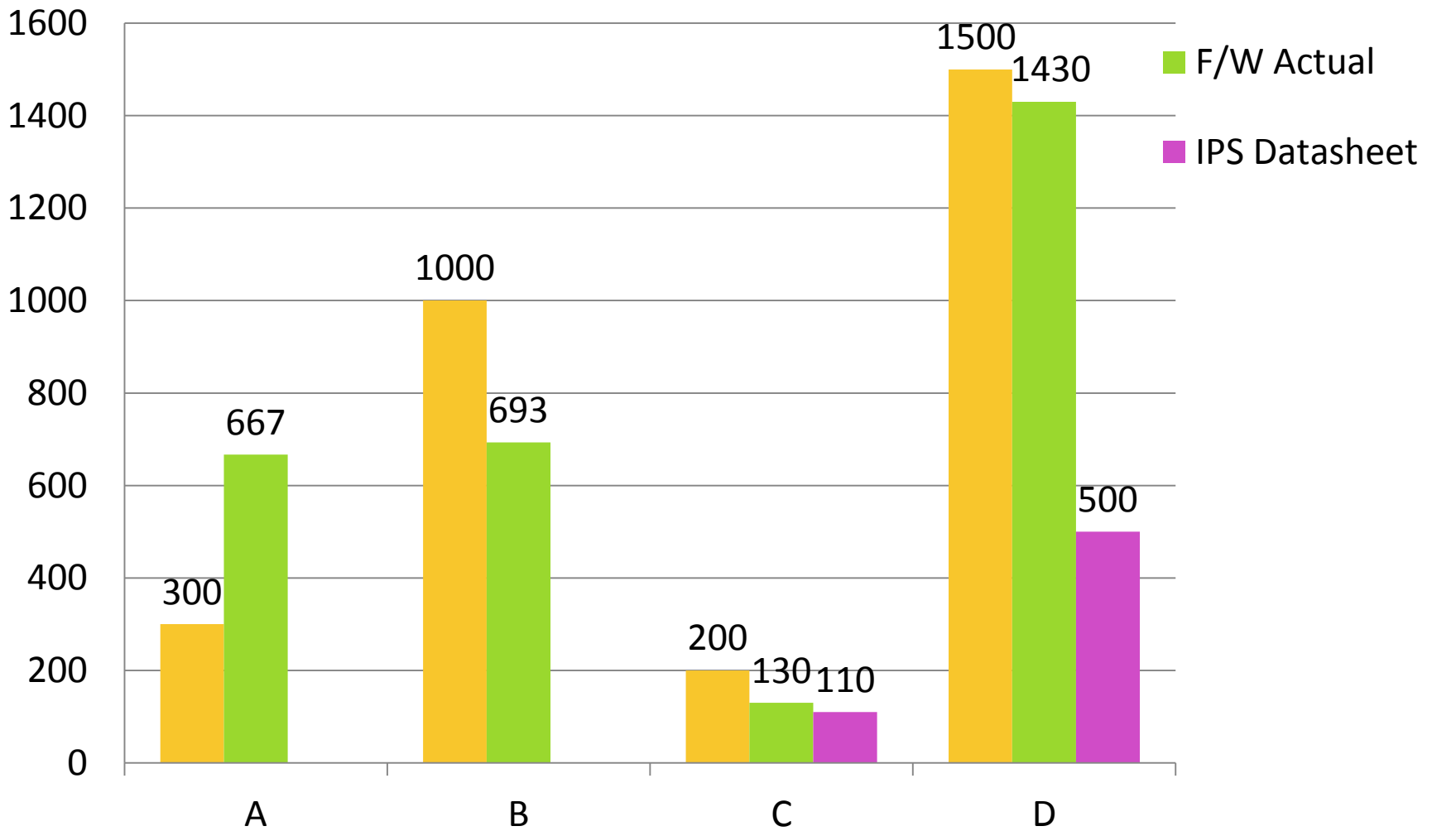
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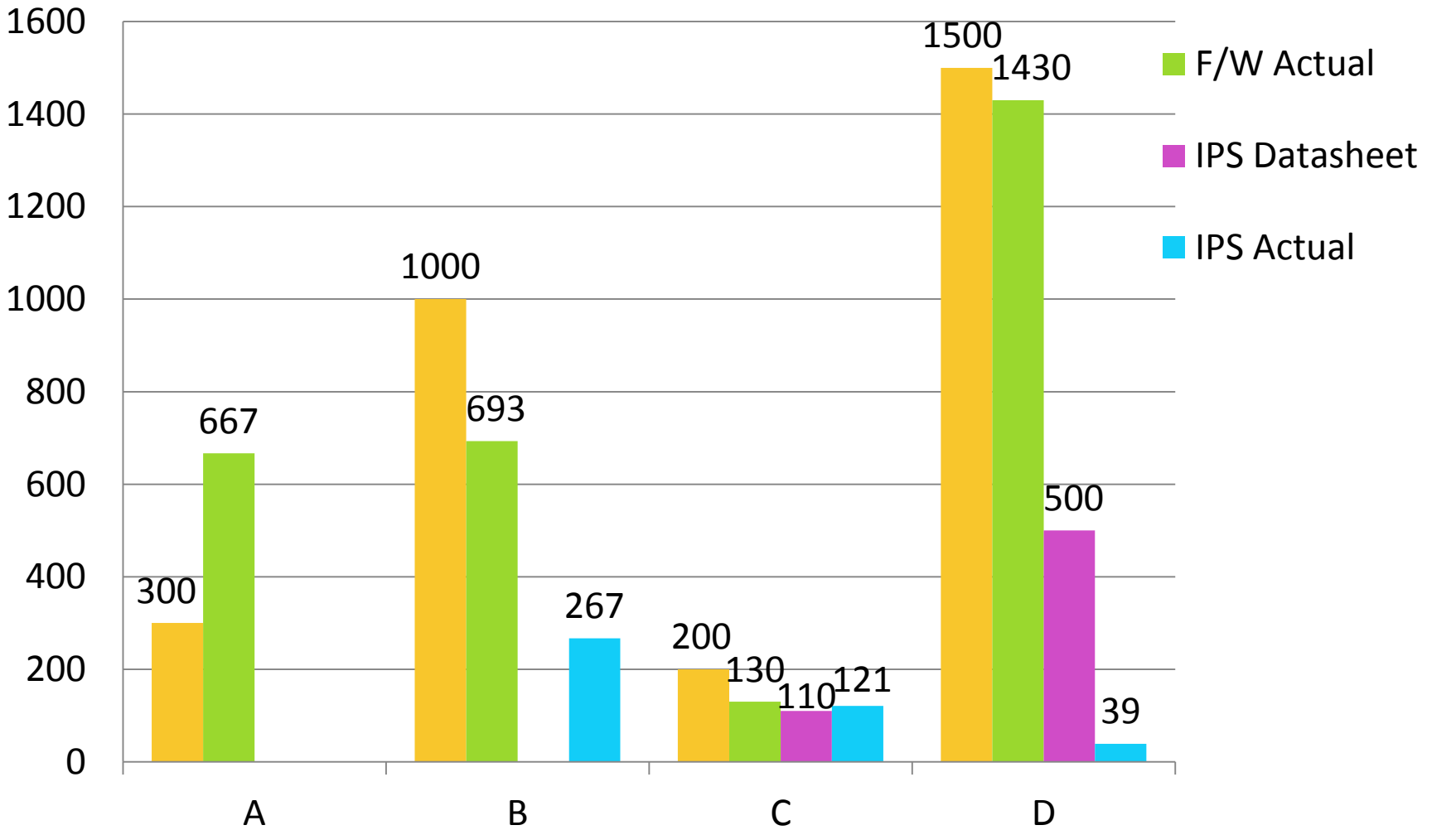
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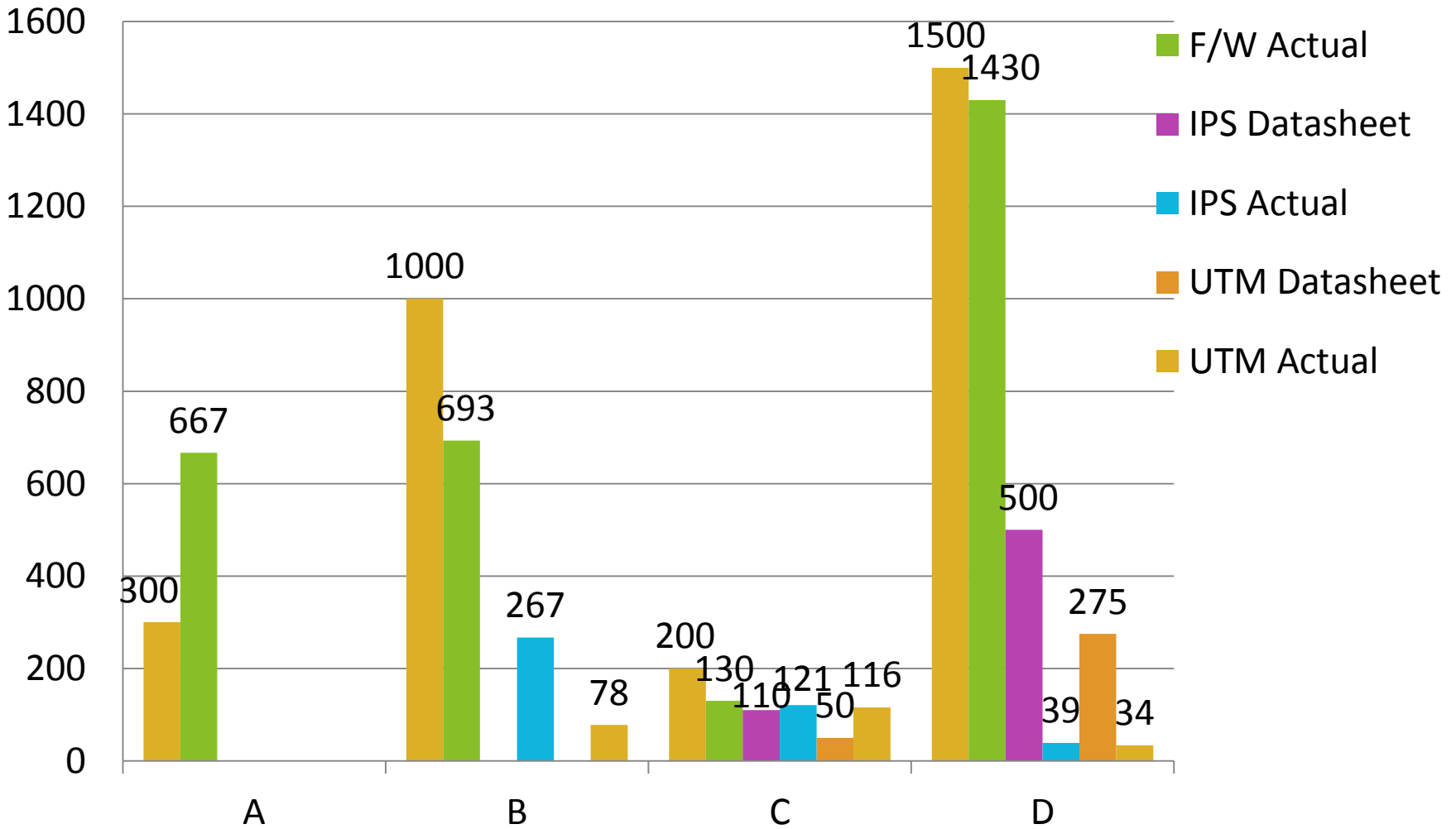
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Summary

- ▶ Security infrastructure testing is no longer legacy firewall testing, but more involved with multiple vectors
- ▶ BYOD adds complexity with number of devices, endpoints and versions of apps on your network
- ▶ Realistic emulation critical understand actual impact
- ▶ Datasheets do NOT give you the true picture and cost of security



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