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FIREWALL CONFIGURATIONS

UFW (uncomplicated firewall) is a firewall configuration tool that runs on top of iptables, included by default within Ubuntu distributions. It provides a streamlined interface for configuring common firewall use cases via the command line.

Execute following commands:

apt-get update

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(root⊕ kali)-[~]

# apt-get update

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Reading package lists... Done
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apt-install ufw

```
(root⊕ kali)-[~]

# apt install ufw
Reading package lists ... Done
Building dependency tree ... Done
Reading state information ... Done
ufw is already the newest version (0.36.1-3).
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 896 not upgraded.
```

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ufw — help
Usage: ufw COMMAND
Commands:
                                        enables the firewall
                                        disables the firewall
 default ARG
                                        set default policy
 logging LEVEL allow ARGS
                                       set logging to LEVEL
add allow rule
 deny ARGS
                                       add deny rule
                                       add reject rule
add limit rule
 reject ARGS
 limit ARGS
 delete RULE|NUM
insert NUM RULE
                                       delete RULE
insert RULE at NUM
 prepend RULE
                                        prepend RULE
 route RULE
                                        add route RULE
 route delete RULE NUM
                                        delete route RULE
                                        insert route RULE at NUM reload firewall
  route insert NUM RULE
 reload
                                       reset firewall
show firewall status
 reset
 status
                                        show firewall status as numbered list of RULES show verbose firewall status
 status numbered
 status verbose
                                        show firewall report
 show ARG
 version
                                        display version information
Application profile commands:
                                        list application profiles
 app list
 app info PROFILE
                                        show information on PROFILE
 app update PROFILE app default ARG
                                        update PROFILE
                                        set default application policy
```

Delete UFW Rule

To delete a rule that you previously set up within UFW, use ufw delete followed by the rule (allow or deny) and the target specification. The following example would delete a rule previously set to allow all connections from an IP address of 203.0.113.101:

sudo ufw delete allow from 203.0.113.101

Rule deleted

Another way to specify which rule you want to delete is by providing the rule ID. This information can be obtained with the following command:

sudo ufw status numbered

Status: active

To Action From

[1] Anywhere DENY IN 203.0.113.100

[2] Anywhere on eth0 ALLOW IN 203.0.113.102

From the , you can see that there are two active rules. The first rule, with highlighted values, denies all connections coming from the IP address 203.0.113.100. The second rule allows connections on the eth0 interface coming in from the IP address 203.0.113.102.

Because by default UFW already blocks all external access unless explicitly allowed, the first rule is redundant, so you can remove it. To delete a rule by its ID, run:

sudo ufw delete 1

You will be prompted to confirm the operation and to make sure the ID you're providing refers to the correct rule you want to delete.

Deleting: deny from 203.0.113.100 Proceed with operation (y|n)? y

Rule deleted

If you list your rules again with sudo ufw status, you'll see that the rule was removed.



sudo ufw status

Verify UFW Status

To check if ufw is enabled, run:

sudo ufw status

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Status: inactive

The will indicate if your firewall is active or not.

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__(root ⊕ kali)-[~]

# sudo ufw status

Status: active
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ufw status verbose

sudo ufw status numbered

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sudo ufw status numbered
Status: active
                                 Action
                                             From
 1] 22/tcp
                                 ALLOW IN
                                             Anywhere
  2] 80/tcp
                                 ALLOW IN
                                             Anywhere
 3] 443
                                 ALLOW IN
                                             Anywhere
 4] 80,443/tcp
                                 ALLOW IN
                                             Anywhere
    22/tcp (v6)
                                             Anywhere (v6)
                                 ALLOW IN
 6] 80/tcp (v6)
                                 ALLOW IN
                                             Anywhere (v6)
    443 (v6)
                                 ALLOW IN
                                             Anywhere (v6)
 8] 80,443/tcp (v6)
                                 ALLOW IN
                                             Anywhere (v6)
```

ufw enable

Enable UFW

If you got a Status: inactive message when running ufw status, it means the firewall is not yet enabled on the system. You'll need to run a command to enable it.

By default, when enabled UFW will block external access to all ports on a server. In practice, that means if you are connected to a server via SSH and enable ufw before allowing access via the SSH port, you'll be disconnected. Make sure you follow the section on how to enable SSH access of this guide before enabling the firewall if that's your case.

To enable UFW on your system, run:

sudo ufw enable

You'll see like this:

Firewall is active and enabled on system startup

To see what is currently blocked or allowed, you may use the verbose parameter when

running ufw status, as follows:

sudo ufw status

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Status: active Logging: on (low)

Default: deny (incoming), allow (outgoing), deny (routed)

New profiles: skip

```
(root o kali)-[~]

ufw enable

Firewall is active and enabled on system startup
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ufw reset

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rest wife reset

Resetting all rules to installed defaults. Proceed with operation (y|n)? y

Backing up 'user.rules' to '/etc/ufw/user.rules.20211124_110756'

Backing up 'before.rules' to '/etc/ufw/before.rules.20211124_110756'

Backing up 'after.rules' to '/etc/ufw/after.rules.20211124_110756'

Backing up 'user6.rules' to '/etc/ufw/user6.rules.20211124_110756'

Backing up 'before6.rules' to '/etc/ufw/before6.rules.20211124_110756'

Backing up 'after6.rules' to '/etc/ufw/after6.rules.20211124_110756'
```

Disable UFW

If for some reason you need to disable UFW, you can do so with the following command:

sudo ufw disable

Be aware that this command will fully disable the firewall service on your system.

Block an IP Address

To block all network connections that originate from a specific IP address, run the following command, replacing the highlighted IP address with the IP address that you want to block:

sudo ufw deny from 203.0.113.100

Rule added

In this example, from 203.0.113.100 specifies a source IP address of "203.0.113.100".

If you run sudo ufw status now, you'll see the specified IP address listed as denied:

Status: active

To Action From

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Anywhere DENY 203.0.113.100

All connections, coming in or going out, are blocked for the specified IP address.

Block a Subnet

If you need to block a full subnet, you may use the subnet address as from parameter on the ufw deny command. This would block all IP addresses in the example subnet 203.0.113.0/24:

sudo ufw deny from 203.0.113.0/24

Rule added

Block Incoming Connections to a Network Interface

To block incoming connections from a specific IP address to a specific network interface, run the following command, replacing the highlighted IP address with the IP address you want to block:

sudo ufw deny in on eth0 from 203.0.113.100

Rule added

The in parameter tells ufw to apply the rule only for **incoming** connections, and the on eth0 parameter specifies that the rule applies only for the eth0 interface. This might be useful if you have a system with several network interfaces (including virtual ones) and you need to block external access to some of these interfaces, but not all.

Allow an IP Address

To allow all network connections that originate from a specific IP address, run the following command, replacing the highlighted IP address with the IP address that you want to allow access:

sudo ufw allow from 203.0.113.101

Rule added

If you run sudo ufw status now, you'll see similar to this, showing the word ALLOW next to the IP address you just added.

Status: active

To Action From -- ----

...

Anywhere ALLOW 203.0.113.101

You can also allow connections from a whole subnet by providing the corresponding subnet mask for a host, such as 203.0.113.0/24.

sudo ufw default deny incoming

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(roof@ kali)-[~]
" sudo ufw default allow incoming
Default incoming policy changed to 'allow'
(be sure to update your rules accordingly)
```

sudo ufw default allow outgoing

```
(root o kali)-[~]

# sudo ufw default allow outgoing

Default outgoing policy changed to 'allow'

(be sure to update your rules accordingly)
```

sudo ufw allow ssh

Allow SSH

When working with remote servers, you'll want to make sure that the SSH port is open to connections so that you are able to log in to your server remotely.

The following command will enable the OpenSSH UFW application profile and allow all connections to the default SSH port on the server:

- sudo ufw allow OpenSSH
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Rule added

Rule added (v6)

Although less user-friendly, an alternative syntax is to specify the exact port number of the SSH service, which is typically set to 22 by default:

- sudo ufw allow 22
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Rule added

Rule added (v6)

Allow Incoming SSH from Specific IP Address or Subnet

To allow incoming connections from a specific IP address or subnet, you'll include a from directive to define the source of the connection. This will require that you also specify the destination address with a to parameter. To lock this rule to SSH only, you'll limit the proto (protocol) to tcp and then use the port parameter and set it to 22, SSH's default port.

The following command will allow only SSH connections coming from the IP address 203.0.113.103:

sudo ufw allow from 203.0.113.103 proto tcp to any port 22

Rule added

You can also use a subnet address as from parameter to allow incoming SSH connections from an entire network:

sudo ufw allow from 203.0.113.0/24 proto tcp to any port 22

Rule added

Allow Incoming Rsync from Specific IP Address or Subnet

The Rsync program, which runs on port 873, can be used to transfer files from one computer to another.

To allow incoming rsync connections from a specific IP address or subnet, use the from parameter to specify the source IP address and the port parameter to set the destination port 873.

The following command will allow only Rsync connections coming from the IP address 203.0.113.103:

sudo ufw allow from 203.0.113.103 to any port 873

Rule added

To allow the entire 203.0.113.0/24 subnet to be able to rsync to your server, run:

sudo ufw allow from 203.0.113.0/24 to any port 873

Rule added

Allow Nginx HTTP / HTTPS

Upon installation, the Nginx web server sets up a few different UFW profiles within the server. Once you have Nginx installed and enabled as a service, run the following command to identify which profiles are available:

sudo ufw app list | grep Nginx

Nginx Full Nginx HTTP Nginx HTTPS To enable both HTTP and HTTPS traffic, choose Nginx Full. Otherwise, choose either Nginx HTTP to allow only HTTP or Nginx HTTPS to allow only HTTPS.

The following command will allow both HTTP and HTTPS traffic on the server (ports 80 and 443):

sudo ufw allow "Nginx Full"

Rule added (v6)

Allow Apache HTTP / HTTPS

Upon installation, the Apache web server sets up a few different UFW profiles within the server. Once you have Apache installed and enabled as a service, run the following command to identify which profiles are available:

sudo ufw app list | grep Apache

Apache Full
Apache Secure

To enable both HTTP and HTTPS traffic, choose Apache Full. Otherwise, choose either Apache for HTTP or Apache Secure for HTTPS.

The following command will allow both HTTP and HTTPS traffic on the server (ports 80 and 443):

sudo ufw allow "Nginx Full"

Rule added (v6)

Allow All Incoming HTTP (port 80)

Web servers, such as Apache and Nginx, typically listen for HTTP requests on port 80. If your default policy for incoming traffic is set to drop or deny, you'll need to create a UFW rule to allow external access on port 80. You can use either the port number or the service name (http) as a parameter to this command.

To allow all incoming HTTP (port 80) connections, run:

sudo ufw allow http

Rule added

Rule added (v6)

An alternative syntax is to specify the port number of the HTTP service:

sudo ufw allow 80

Rule added

Rule added (v6)

Allow All Incoming HTTPS (port 443)

HTTPS typically runs on port 443. If your default policy for incoming traffic is set to drop or deny, you'll need to create a UFW rule to allow external access on port 443. You can use either the port number or the service name (https) as a parameter to this command.

To allow all incoming HTTPS (port 443) connections, run:

sudo ufw allow https

Rule added

Rule added (v6)

An alternative syntax is to specify the port number of the HTTPS service:

sudo ufw allow 443

Rule added (v6)

Allow All Incoming HTTP and HTTPS

If you want to allow both HTTP and HTTPS traffic, you can create a single rule that allows both ports. This usage requires that you also define the protocol with the proto parameter, which in this case should be set to tcp.

To allow all incoming HTTP and HTTPS (ports 80 and 443) connections, run:

sudo ufw allow proto tcp from any to any port 80,443

Rule added (v6)

Allow MySQL Connection from Specific IP Address or Subnet

MySQL listens for client connections on port 3306. If your MySQL database server is being used by a client on a remote server, you'll need to create a UFW rule to allow that access.

To allow incoming MySQL connections from a specific IP address or subnet, use the from parameter to specify the source IP address and the port parameter to set the destination port 3306.

The following command will allow the IP address 203.0.113.103 to connect to the server's MySQL port:

sudo ufw allow from 203.0.113.103 to any port 3306

Rule added

To allow the entire 203.0.113.0/24 subnet to be able to connect to your MySQL server, run:

sudo ufw allow from 203.0.113.0/24 to any port 3306

Rule added

Allow PostgreSQL Connection from Specific IP Address or Subnet

PostgreSQL listens for client connections on port 5432. If your PostgreSQL database server is being used by a client on a remote server, you need to be sure to allow that traffic.

To allow incoming PostgreSQL connections from a specific IP address or subnet, specify the source with the from parameter, and set the port to 5432:

sudo ufw allow from 203.0.113.103 to any port 5432

Rule added

To allow the entire 203.0.113.0/24 subnet to be able to connect to your PostgreSQL server, run:

sudo ufw allow from 203.0.113.0/24 to any port 5432

Rule added

Block Outgoing SMTP Mail

Mail servers, such as Sendmail and Postfix, typically use port 25 for SMTP traffic. If your server shouldn't be sending outgoing mail, you may want to block that kind of traffic. To block outgoing SMTP connections, run:

sudo ufw deny out 25

Rule added

Rule added (v6)

This configures your firewall to **drop** all outgoing traffic on port 25. If you need to reject outgoing connections on a different port number, you can repeat this command and replace 25 with the port number you want to block.

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(root⊕ kali)-[~]

# sudo ufw allow ssh

Rules updated

Rules updated (v6)
```

sudo ufw allow http

```
root⊕ kali)-[~]

# sudo ufw allow http

Rules updated

Rules updated (v6)
```

sudo ufw allow https

```
(root⊙ kali)-[~]

# sudo ufw allow https

Rules updated

Rules updated (v6)
```

sudo ufw allow 443

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root ⊗ kali)-[~]
w sudo ufw allow 443
Skipping adding existing rule
Skipping adding existing rule (v6)
```

ufw status verbose

```
@ kali)-[~]
   ufw status verbose
Status: active
Logging: on (low)
Default: deny (incoming), allow (outgoing), disabled (routed)
New profiles: skip
                             Action
                                          From
22/tcp
                             ALLOW IN
                                          Anywhere
24/udp
                             DENY IN
                                          Anywhere
22/tcp (v6)
                             ALLOW IN
                                          Anywhere (v6)
                                          Anywhere (v6)
24/udp (v6)
                             DENY IN
```

systemctl start ufw

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__(root⊙ kali)-[~]
# systemctl start ufw
```

sudo ufw allow proto tcp from any to any port 80,443

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(root ≈ kali)-[~]
# sudo ufw allow proto tcp from any to any port 80,443
Rule added
Rule added (v6)
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(root⊗ kali)-[~]

# ufw allow 22/tcp

Rule added

Rule added (v6)

Rule added (v6)

— (root⊗ kali)-[~]

# ufw deny 24/udp

Rule added

Rule added (v6)
```

grep VERSION /etc/os-release

```
root kali)-[~]

# grep VERSION /etc/os-release

VERSION="2021.3"

VERSION_ID="2021.3"

VERSION_CODENAME="kali-rolling"
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firewall-cmd --get-services

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# firewall-cmd — get-services

RH-Satellite-6 RH-Satellite-6-capsule amanda-client amanda-k5-client amqp amqps apcupsd audit bacula bacula-client bb bgp bitcoin bitcoin-rpc bitcoin-testnet bitcoin-testnet-rpc bittorrent-lsd ceph ceph-mon cfengine cockpit collectd c ondor-collector ctdb dhcp dhcpv6 dhcpv6-client distcc dns dns-over-tls docker-registry docker-swarm dropbox-lansync e lasticsearch etcd-client etcd-server finger foreman foreman-proxy freeipa-4 freeipa-ldap freeipa-ldaps freeipa-replic ation freeipa-trust ftp galera ganglia-client ganglia-master git grafana gre high-availability http https imap imaps ipp ipp-client ipsec irc ircs iscsi-target isns jenkins kadmin kdeconnect kerberos kibana klogin kpasswd kprop kshell kube-api kube-apiserver kube-control-plane kube-controller-manager kube-scheduler kubelet-worker ldap ldaps libvirt libvirt-tls lightning-network llmnr managesieve matrix mdns memcache minidlna mongodb mosh mountd mqtt mqtt-tls ms-wb t mssql murmur mysql nbd netbios-ns nfs nfs3 nmea-0183 nrpe ntp nut openvpn ovirt-imageio ovirt-storageconsole ovirt-vmconsole plex pmcd pmproxy pmwebapis pop3 pop3s postgresql privoxy prometheus proxy-dhcp ptp pulseaudio pup petmaster quassel radius rdp redis redis-sentinel rpc-bind rquotad rsh rsyncd rtsp salt-master samba samba-client sam ba-dc sane sip sips slp smtp smtp-submission smtps snmp snmptrap spideroak-lansync spotify-sync squid ssdp ssh steam-streaming svdrp svn syncthing syncthing-gui synergy syslog syslog-tls telnet tentacle tftp tile38 tinc tor-socks tran smission-client upnp-client vdsm vnc-server wbem-http wbem-https wireguard wsman wsmans xdmcp xmpp-bosh xmpp-client x mpp-local xmpp-server zabbix-agent zabbix-server
```

firewall-cmd --zone=external --list-all

```
(root@ kali)-[~]
# firewall-cmd --get-active-zones
public
  interfaces: eth0
```

firewall-cmd --set-default=external

```
r (root o kali)-[~]
firewall-cmd --set-default=external success
```

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<mark>⊗ kali)-[~]</mark>
wa<mark>ll-cmd</mark> --list-all
Command 'firewall-cmd' not found, but can be installed with:
apt install firewalld
Do you want to install it? (N/y)y
apt install firewalld
Reading package lists ... Done
Building dependency tree ... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  ipset libipset13 libnftables1 nftables python3-cap-ng python3-firewall python3-nftables
The following NEW packages will be installed:
 firewalld ipset libipset13 python3-cap-ng python3-firewall python3-nftables
The following packages will be upgraded:
 libnftables1 nftables
2 upgraded, 6 newly installed, 0 to remove and 894 not upgraded.
Need to get 994 kB of archives.
After this operation, 4,337 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y
Get:1 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 nftables amd64 1.0.0-1 [70.0 kB]
Get:2 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 libnftables1 amd64 1.0.0-1 [277 kB]
Get:3 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 python3-nftables amd64 1.0.0-1 [17.0 kB]
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Get:5 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 firewalld all 1.0.2-1 [360 kB]
Get:6 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 libipset13 amd64 7.10-1 [68.8 kB]
Get:7 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 ipset amd64 7.10-1 [47.8 kB]
Get:8 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 python3-cap-ng amd64 0.7.9-2.2+b1 [20.6 kB]
Fetched 994 kB in 4s (221 kB/s)
(Reading database ... 267973 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../0-nftables_1.0.0-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking nftables (1.0.0-1) over (0.9.8-3.1) ...
Preparing to unpack .../1-libnftables1_1.0.0-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libnftables1:amd64 (1.0.0-1) over (0.9.8-3.1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package python3-nftables.
Preparing to unpack .../2-python3-nftables_1.0.0-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking python3-nftables (1.0.0-1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package python3-firewall.
Preparing to unpack .../3-python3-firewall_1.0.2-1_all.deb ...
Unpacking python3-firewall (1.0.2-1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package firewalld.
Preparing to unpack .../4-firewalld_1.0.2-1_all.deb ...
Unpacking firewalld (1.0.2-1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libipset13:amd64.
Preparing to unpack .../5-libipset13_7.10-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libipset13:amd64 (7.10-1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package ipset.
Preparing to unpack .../6-ipset_7.10-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking ipset (7.10-1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package python3-cap-ng.
Preparing to unpack .../7-python3-cap-ng_0.7.9-2.2+b1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking python3-cap-ng (0.7.9-2.2+b1) ...
Setting up libnftables1:amd64 (1.0.0-1) ...
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```
root⊕ kali
firewalld
usage: firewalld [-h] [--debug [level]] [--debug-gc] [--nofork] [--nopid] [--system-config path] [--log-file path]
optional arguments:
                              show this help message and exit 
Enable logging of debug messages. Additional argument in range 1..10 can be used to specify
  -h, --help
--debug [level]
                              log level.
   -- debug-gc
                              Turn on garbage collector leak information. The collector runs every 10 seconds and if
  there are leaks, it prints information. The leaks.

--nofork Turn off daemon forking, run as a foreground process.

--nopid Disable writing pid file and don't check for existing server process.

--system-config path Path to firewalld system configuration
   --défault-config path
                              Path to firewalld default configuration
  -- log-file path
                              Path to firewalld log file
     (root⊙ kali)-[~]
firewall-cmd — zone=external — list-all
external
   target: default
   icmp-block-inversion: no
   interfaces:
   sources:
   services: ssh
   ports:
   protocols:
   forward: yes
   masquerade: yes
   forward-ports:
   source-ports:
   icmp-blocks:
   rich rules:
```

IP TABLES OPERATIONS

```
root⊕ ka
iptables
 iptables v1.8.7
Usage: iptables -[ACD] chain rule-specification [options]
               iptables -[ACD] chain rule-specification [options]
iptables -I chain [rulenum] rule-specification [options]
iptables -R chain rulenum rule-specification [options]
iptables -D chain rulenum [options]
iptables -[LS] [chain [rulenum]] [options]
iptables -[FZ] [chain] [options]
iptables -[NX] chain
iptables -E old-chain-name new-chain-name
iptables -P chain target [options]
iptables -h (print this help information)
Either long or short options are allowed.
--append -A chain Append to
--check -C chain Check for
--delete -D chain Delete mat
--delete -D chain rulenum
                                                           Append to chain
Check for the existence of a rule
                                                           Delete matching rule from chain
                                                           Delete rule rulenum (1 = first) from chain
     -- insert -I chain [rulenum]
                                                            Insert in chain as rulenum (default 1=first)
     -- replace -R chain rulenum
                                                           Replace rule rulenum (1 = first) in chain
                                                           List the rules in a chain or all chains
    --list-rules -S [chain [rulenum]]
Print the rules in a chain or all chains
--flush -F [chain]
Delete all rules in chain or all chains
                     -F [chain] [
-Z [chain [rulenum]]
                                                           ,
Zero counters in chain or all chains
Create a new user-defined chain
                      -N chain
     --new -w chain
--delete-chain
-X [chain]
--policy -P chain target
                                                           Delete a user-defined chain
                                                           Change policy on chain to target
     --rename-chain
                         -E old-chain new-chain
                                                           Change chain name, (moving any references)
                             -4 Nothing (line is ignored by ip6tables-restore)
-6 Error (line is ignored by iptables-restore)
-p proto protocol: by number or name, eg. `tcp'
-s address[/mask][...]
        -- ipv4
        -- ipv6
[!] --destination -d address[/mask][...]
    destination specification
[!] --in-interface -i input name[+]
                                                            network interface name ([+] for wildcard)
   -- jump -j target
```

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--delete -D chain rulenum
                               Delete rule rulenum (1 = first) from chain
  -- insert -I chain [rulenum]
                               Insert in chain as rulenum (default 1=first)
  -- replace -R chain rulenum
                               Replace rule rulenum (1 = first) in chain
  --list -L [chain [rulenum]]
                               List the rules in a chain or all chains
  --list-rules -S [chain [rulenum]]
                               Print the rules in a chain or all chains
                               Delete all rules in chain or all chains
           -F [chain]
  -- flush
  -- zero
           -Z [chain [rulenum]]
                               Zero counters in chain or all chains
           -N chain
                               Create a new user-defined chain
  -- new
  -- delete-chain
                               Delete a user-defined chain
            -X [chain]
  --policy -P chain target
                               Change policy on chain to target
  -- rename-chain
            -E old-chain new-chain
                               Change chain name, (moving any references)
Options:
                               Nothing (line is ignored by ip6tables-restore)
   -- ipv4
               -4
    --ipv6
               -6
                               Error (line is ignored by iptables-restore)
[!] --proto
               -p proto
                               protocol: by number or name, eg. `tcp'
               -s address[/mask][...]
[!] -- source
                               source specification
[!] --destination -d address[/mask][...]
                               destination specification
[!] --in-interface -i input name[+]
                               network interface name ([+] for wildcard)
 -- jump -j target
                               target for rule (may load target extension)
  -- goto
             -g chain
                              jump to chain with no return
  -- match
               -m match
                               extended match (may load extension)
                               numeric output of addresses and ports
  -- numeric
[!] -- out-interface -o output name[+]
                               network interface name ([+] for wildcard)
  -- table
               -t table
                               table to manipulate (default: `filter')
  -- verbose
                               verbose mode
               -w [seconds]
                               maximum wait to acquire xtables lock before give up
  ---wait
  --wait-interval -W [usecs]
                               wait time to try to acquire xtables lock
                               default is 1 second
  --line-numbers
                               print line numbers when listing
                               expand numbers (display exact values)
  -- exact
[!] -- fragment -f
                               match second or further fragments only
  --modprobe=<command>
                               try to insert modules using this command
  --set-counters PKTS BYTES
                               set the counter during insert/append
[!] -- version
                               print package version.
      root⊕ kali)-[~]
      iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
                                                         destination
               prot opt source
target
Chain FORWARD (policy DROP)
                                                         destination
target
               prot opt source
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
               prot opt source
                                                         destination
target
```

No. of the second	masquerade: no
(root © kali)-[~]	forward-ports:
# firewall-cmd —list-all-zones	source-ports:
block	icmp-blocks:
target: %%REJECT%%	rich rules:
icmp-block-inversion: no	rule priority="32767" reject
interfaces:	
	public
sources:	target: default
services:	icmp-block-inversion: no
ports:	interfaces:
protocols:	sources:
forward: yes	services: dhcpv6-client ssh
masquerade: no	ports:
forward-ports:	protocols:
source-ports:	forward: yes
icmp-blocks:	masquerade: no
rich rules:	forward-ports:
The state of the s	source-ports:
dmz	icmp-blocks:
target: default	rich rules:
icmp-block-inversion: no	
interfaces:	trusted
	target: ACCEPT
sources:	icmp-block-inversion: no
services: ssh	interfaces:
ports:	sources:
protocols:	services:
forward: yes	ports:
masquerade: no	protocols:
forward-ports:	forward: yes
source-ports:	masquerade: no
icmp-blocks:	forward-ports:
rich rules:	source-ports: icmp-blocks:
11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	rich rules:
drop	TICH futes.
target: DROP	work
icmp-block-inversion: no	target: default
interfaces:	icmp-block-inversion: no
	interfaces:
sources:	sources:
services:	services: dhcpv6-client ssh
ports:	ports:
protocols:	protocols:
forward: yes	forward: yes
masquerade: no	masqueradé: no
forward-ports:	forward-ports:
source-ports:	source-ports:
icmp-blocks:	icmp-blocks:
rich rules:	rich rules:
And the state of t	

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external (active)
target: default
  icmp-block-inversion: no
  interfaces: eth0
  sources:
 services: ssh
 ports:
 protocols:
  forward: yes
  masquerade: yes
 forward-ports:
 source-ports:
 icmp-blocks:
 rich rules:
home
 target: default
  icmp-block-inversion: no
  interfaces:
 sources:
 services: dhcpv6-client mdns samba-client ssh
 ports:
  protocols:
  forward: yes
 masquerade: no
  forward-ports:
 source-ports:
  icmp-blocks:
 rich rules:
internal
 target: default
  icmp-block-inversion: no
  interfaces:
 sources:
  services: dhcpv6-client mdns samba-client ssh
  ports:
  protocols:
  forward: yes
 masquerade: no
 forward-ports:
  source-ports:
  icmp-blocks:
 rich rules:
nm-shared
  target: ACCEPT
  icmp-block-inversion: no
  interfaces:
  sources:
          t⊙ kali)-[~]
 firewall-cmd —list-all
public (active)
   target: default
   icmp-block-inversion: no
   interfaces: eth0
   sources:
   services: dhcpv6-client ssh
  ports:
   protocols:
   forward: yes
                                              __(root ⊗ kali)-[~]
# firewall-cmd —list-all
  masquerade: no
   forward-ports:
   source-ports:
                                              root⊙ kali)-[~]
# firewall-cmd — get-active-zones
   icmp-blocks:
   rich rules:
```

```
root@ kali)-[~]
       - sudo ufw status numbered
 Status: active
                   To
                                                                                                                   Action
                                                                                                                                                              From
  [ 1] 22/tcp
                                                                                                                   ALLOW IN
                                                                                                                                                             Anywhere
                                                                                                                   ALLOW IN
        2] 80/tcp
                                                                                                                                                              Anywhere
                                                                                                                  ALLOW IN
  [ 3] 443
                                                                                                                                                             Anywhere
        4] 80,443/tcp
                                                                                                                  ALLOW IN
                                                                                                                                                              Anywhere
       5] 22/tcp (v6)
6] 80/tcp (v6)
                                                                                                                  ALLOW IN
                                                                                                                                                              Anywhere (v6)
                                                                                                                  ALLOW IN
                                                                                                                                                             Anywhere (v6)
        7] 443 (v6)
                                                                                                                   ALLOW IN
                                                                                                                                                              Anywhere (v6)
  [ 8] 80,443/tcp (v6)
                                                                                                                  ALLOW IN
                                                                                                                                                             Anywhere (v6)
                   root@ kali)-[~]
              sudo ufw status numbered
 Status: active
                                                                                                                   Action
                                                                                                                                                              From
  [ 1] 22/tcp
                                                                                                                   ALLOW IN
                                                                                                                                                              Anywhere
                                                                                                                   ALLOW IN
  [ 2] 80/tcp
                                                                                                                                                             Anywhere
 [ 3] 443
[ 4] 22/tcp (v6)
[ 5] 80/tcp (v6)
                                                                                                                   ALLOW IN
                                                                                                                                                              Anywhere
                                                                                                                  ALLOW IN
                                                                                                                                                              Anywhere (v6)
                                                                                                                  ALLOW IN
                                                                                                                                                             Anywhere (v6)
  [ 6] 443 (v6)
                                                                                                                   ALLOW IN
                                                                                                                                                              Anywhere (v6)
             (root⊕ kali)-[~]
ufw enable
                                                                                                                                                                                                       (<mark>root⊕ kali</mark>)-[~]
<u>sudo</u> ufw status numbered
  Firewall is active and enabled on system startup
                                                                                                                                                                                          Status: inactive
                                                                                                              root⊕ kali)-[~]
                                                                                                           sudo ufw default deny incoming
                             •
                                                                                              Default incoming policy changed to 'deny' (be sure to update your rules accordingly)
              ufw status verbose
 Status: inactive
    ufw enable
  Firewall is active and enabled on system startup
roo tall)-[~]

■ apt-get install firewall-applet

Reading package lists ... Done

Building dependency tree ... Done

Reading state information ... Done

The following additional packages will be installed:
    firewall-config gir1.2-notify-0.7 python3-dbus.mainloop.pyqt5

The following NEW packages will be installed:
    firewall-applet firewall-config gir1.2-notify-0.7 python3-dbus.mainloop.pyqt5

0 upgraded, 4 newly installed, 0 to remove and 894 not upgraded.

Need to get 258 kB of archives.

After this operation, 1,645 kB of additional disk space will be used.

Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y

Get:1 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 firewall-config all 1.0.2-1 [82.0 kB]

Get:2 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 gir1.2-notify-0.7 amd64 0.7.9-3 [10.7 kB]

Get:3 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 python3-dbus.mainloop.pyqt5 amd64 5.15.6+dfsg-1+b

1 [111 kB]
Get:3 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 python3-dbus.mainloop.pyqt5 amd64 5.15 [111 kB]
Get:4 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 firewall-applet all 1.0.2-1 [54.2 kB]
Fetched 258 kB in 5s (57.2 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package firewall-config.
(Reading database ... 268418 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../firewall-config_1.0.2-1_all.deb ...
Unpacking firewall-config (1.0.2-1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package gir1.2-notify-0.7:amd64.
Preparing to unpack .../gir1.2-notify-0.7_0.7_9-3_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking gir1.2-notify-0.7:amd64 (0.7.9-3) ...
Selecting previously unselected package python3-dbus.mainloop.pyqt5.
Preparing to unpack .../python3-dbus.mainloop.pyqt5.5-15.6+dfsg-1+b1 ...
Selecting previously unselected package firewall-applet.
Preparing to unpack .../firewall-applet_1.0.2-1_all.deb ...
Unpacking firewall-applet (1.0.2-1) ...
Setting up python3-dbus.mainloop.pyqt5 (5.15.6+dfsg-1+b1) ...
Setting up firewall-config (1.0.2-1) ...
Setting up gir1.2-notify-0.7:amd64 (0.7.9-3) ...
Processing triggers for mailcap (3.70) ...
Processing triggers for kali-menu (2021.3.3) ...
Processing triggers for deskop-file-utils (0.26-1) ...
Processing triggers for lioslor-icon-theme (0.17-2) ...
Setting up firewall-applet (1.0.2-1) ...
 1 [111 kB]
```

```
(roof kali)-[~]
# apt-get install firewalld
Reading package lists ... Done
Building dependency tree ... Done
Reading state information ... Done
firewalld is already the newest version (1.0.2-1).
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 894 not upgraded.
```

```
# firewall-cmd —permanent —new-zone=liconfig
success
(root ⊙ kali)-[~]
# firewall-cmd —zone=public —list-interfaces
<mark>(root⊕ kali</mark>)-[~]
# iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source
                                         destination
Chain FORWARD (policy DROP)
target prot opt source
                                         destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source
                                        destination
    (<mark>root⊕ kali)-[~]</mark>
iptables -L -n -
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT 220 packets, 13536 bytes)
 pkts bytes target prot opt in out source
                                                                      destination
Chain FORWARD (policy DROP 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target prot opt in out source
                                                                      destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT 4 packets, 228 bytes)
 pkts bytes target prot opt in out source
                                                                     destination
(xoo1 ⊗ kali)-[~]

iptables -A input -j DROP
iptables: No chain/target/match by that name.
```

```
<mark>---(root⊙ kali)-[~]</mark>
-# firewall-cmd --get-active-zones
FirewallD is not running
```

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2 ungraded, 6 newly installed, 0 to remove and 894 not upgraded.
Need to get 994 kB of archives.
After this operation, 4,337 kB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] Y
Get:1 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 libnftables1 amd64 l.0.0-1 [70.0 kB]
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Get:3 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 python3-nftables amd64 l.0.0-1 [137 kB]
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Get:5 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 firewalld all l.0.2-1 [1360 kB]
Get:6 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 firewalld all l.0.2-1 [360 kB]
Get:7 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 firewalld all l.0.2-1 [360 kB]
Get:8 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 inset amd64 7.10-1 [68.3 kB]
Get:7 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 inset amd64 7.10-1 [47.6 kB]
Get:8 https://mirrors.ocf.berkeley.edu/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 inset amd64 7.10-1 [47.6 kB]
Fetched 994 kB in 4s (221 kB/s)
(Reading database ... 267973 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack ... /0-nftables.l.0.0-l_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking inftables (1.0.0-1) over (0.9.8-3.1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package python3-firewall.

Preparing to unpack ... /2-python3-nftables.l.0.0-l_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking intermalled (1.0.2-1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package python3-firewall.

Preparing to unpack ... /4-firewalld_1.0.2-1_all.deb ...
Unpacking intermalled (1.0.2-1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package inset.

Preparing to unpack ... /5-libipset13.7.10-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking intermalled (1.0.2-1) ...
Selecting up previously unselected package inset.

Preparing to unpack ... /6-inset.7.10-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking intermalled (1.0.0-1) ...
Setting up python3-ap-n
  Setting up libipset13:amd64 (7.10-1) ...
Setting up pipset (7.10-1) ...
Setting up python3-nftables (1.0.0-1) ...
Setting up python3-nftables (1.0.0-1) ...
Setting up firewalld (1.0.2-1) ...
update-alternatives: using /usr/share/polkit-1/actions/org.fedoraproject.FirewallD1.server.policy.choice to provide /
usr/share/polkit-1/actions/org.fedoraproject.FirewallD1.policy (org.fedoraproject.FirewallD1.policy) in auto mode
firewalld.service is a disabled or a static unit not running, not starting it.
Processing triggers for man-db (2.9.4-2) ...
Processing triggers for dbus (1.12.20-2) ...
Processing triggers for kali-menu (2021.3.3) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.31-13) ...
                                 .
                 firewall-cmd --permanent --new-zone-liconfig
    success
           -(root © kali)-[~]
# firewall-cmd — permanent — new-zone-from-file=file — name=linconfig
  firewall-cmd: error: unrecognized arguments: -new-zone-from-public=file
                 root⊕ kali)-[
firewall-cmd
   usage: see firewall-cmd man page
  firewall-cmd: error: unrecognized arguments: -new-zone-from-public=public
                (root� kali)-[~]
firewall-cmd —zone-public —list-interfaces
  root hali)-[~]
iptables -p forward drop
iptables v1.8.7 (nf_tables): unknown protocol "forward" specified
  Try 'iptables -h' or 'iptables -help' for more information.
                 root⊕ kali)-[~]
iptables -P forward drop
  iptables: Bad policy name. Run 'dmesg' for more information.
                 root⊕ kali)-[~]
iptables -P forward DROP
    iptables: Bad built-in chain name.
```

```
-(root⊕ kali)-[~]
# iptables -A INPUT - ) ACCEPT
          .
    iptables
 hain INPUT (policy DROP 1331 packets, 210K bytes)
pkts bytes target prot opt in out source

1 328 DROP all -- * * 0.0.0.0/0

0 0 ACCEPT all -- * * 0.0.0.0/0
                                                                                        0.0.0.0/0
Chain FORWARD (policy DROP 0 packets, 0 bytes)
pkts bytes target prot opt in out
                                                                                         destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT 1281 packets, 114K bytes)
pkts bytes target prot opt in out source
                                                                                        destination
    (<mark>root⊕ kali</mark>)
iptables -F
    (root⊕ kali)-[~]
iptables ~L -n
 chain INPUT (policy DROP 1525 packets, 226K bytes)
pkts bytes target
                                                                                        destination
Chain FORWARD (policy DROP 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target prot opt in out
                                                                                        destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT 1624 packets, 143K bytes)
pkts bytes target prot opt in out source
                                                                                        destination
  -(root⊕ kali)-[~]
# iptables -A INPUT -s 192.168.0.23 -j DROP
    root⊕ kali)-[~]
iptables -L -n
Chain INPUT (policy DROP 2269 packets, 291K bytes)
pkts bytes target prot opt in out source
0 0 DROP all -- * * 192.168.0.23
                                                                                        destination
Chain FORWARD (policy DROP 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target prot opt in out
                                                                                        destination
(reot© kali)-[~]

# iptables -A INPUT -s 192.168.0.0/24 -P TCP -dport 25 -j DROP iptables v1.8.7 (nf_tables): Cannot use -P with -A
Try 'iptables -h' or 'iptables -help' for more information.
     root • kali) -[~]
iptables -A INPUT -S
iptables -A INPUT -S 192.168.0.0/24 -P TCP -dport 25 -j DROP iptables v1.8.7 (nf_tables): Cannot use -S with -A
Try 'iptables -h' or 'iptables — help' for more information.
reot © kali)-[~]

i iptables -A INPUT 192.168.0.0/24 -P TCP -dport 25 -j DROP

Bad argument `192.168.0.0/24'

Try `iptables -h' or 'iptables -help' for more information.
(rmot *kali)-[~]
    intables -A INPUT -s 192.168.0.0/24 -dport 25 -j DROP
iptables v1.8.7 (nf_tables): unknown option "-dport"
Try `iptables -h' or 'iptables -help' for more information.
  (root@ kali)-[~]
# iptables -A INPUT -5 192.168.0.0/24 -j DROP
     (root⊕ kali)-[~]
iptables -L -n
 Chain INPUT (policy DROP 2950 packets, 349K bytes)
destination
                                                                     192.168.0.23
                                                                                                  0.0.0.0/0
                                                                    192.168.0.0/24
                                                                                                   0.0.0.0/0
Chain FORWARD (policy DROP 0 packets, 0 bytes)
 pkts bytes target prot opt in out
                                                                                                   destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT 3048 packets, 263K bytes)
pkts bytes target prot opt in out source
                                                                                                   destination
root  hali)-[~]

# iptables -A INPUT -P tcp -dport 80 -j DROP
iptables v1.8.7 (nf_tables): Cannot use -P with -A
Try 'iptables -h' or 'iptables --help' for more information.
```

```
0
Chain INPUT (policy DROP 3214 packets, 372K bytes)
pkts bytes target
                      prot opt in
                                      out
                                               source
                                                                    destination
         Ø DROP
                                               192.168.0.23
                                                                    0.0.0.0/0
   0
         @ DROP
                      all
                                               192.168.0.0/24
                                                                    0.0.0.0/0
           DROP
                                               0.0.0.0/0
                                                                                          tcp dpt:80
```

Remember that you can check your current UFW ruleset with sudo ufw status or sudo ufw status verbose.

Allow Incoming Connections to a Network Interface

To allow incoming connections from a specific IP address to a specific network interface, run the following command, replacing the highlighted IP address with the IP address you want to allow:

sudo ufw allow in on eth0 from 203.0.113.102

Rule added

The in parameter tells ufw to apply the rule only for **incoming** connections, and the on eth0 parameter specifies that the rule applies only for the eth0 interface.

If you run sudo ufw status now, you'll see similar to this:

Status: active

To Action From
-- -----

Anywhere on eth0 ALLOW 203.0.113.102

List Available Application Profiles

Upon installation, applications that rely on network communications will typically set up a UFW profile that you can use to allow connection from external addresses. This is often the same as running ufw allow from, with the advantage of providing a shortcut that abstracts the specific port numbers a service uses and provides a user-friendly nomenclature to referenced services.

To list which profiles are currently available, run the following:

sudo ufw app list

If you installed a service such as a web server or other network-dependent software and a profile was not made available within UFW, first make sure the service is enabled. For remote servers, you'll typically have OpenSSH readily available:

Available applications:

OpenSSH

Enable Application Profile

To enable a UFW application profile, run ufw allow followed by the name of the application profile you want to enable, which you can obtain with a sudo ufw app list command. In the following example, we're enabling the OpenSSH profile, which will allow all incoming SSH connections on the default SSH port.

sudo ufw allow "OpenSSH"

Rule added

Rule added (v6)

Remember to quote profile names that consist of multiple words, such as Nginx HTTPS.

Disable Application Profile

To disable an application profile that you had previously set up within UFW, you'll need to remove its corresponding rule. For example, consider the following from sudo ufw status:

sudo ufw status

Status: active

To Action From

-- ----

OpenSSH ALLOW Anywhere Nginx Full ALLOW Anywhere

OpenSSH (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)

Nginx Full (v6) ALLOW Anywhere (v6)

This indicates that the Nginx Full application profile is currently enabled, allowing any and all connections to the web server both via HTTP as well as via HTTPS. If you'd want to only allow HTTPS requests from and to your web server, you'd have to first enable the most restrictive rule, which in this case would be Nginx HTTPS, and then disable the currently active Nginx Full rule:

sudo ufw allow "Nginx HTTPS" sudo ufw delete allow "Nginx Full"

Remember you can list all available application profiles with sudo ufw app list.

Conclusion

UFW is a powerful tool that can greatly improve the security of your servers when properly configured. This reference guide covers some common UFW rules that are often used to configure a firewall on Ubuntu.

Most of the commands in this guide can be adapted to fit different use cases and scenarios, by changing parameters such as the source IP address and/or destination port. For more detailed information about each command parameter and available modifiers, you can use the man utility to check UFW's manual:

iptables is a command line interface used to set up and maintain tables for the Netfilter firewall for IPv4, included in the Linux kernel. The firewall matches packets with rules defined in these tables and then takes the specified action on a possible match.

- Tables is the name for a set of chains.
- Chain is a collection of rules.
- Rule is condition used to match packet.
- *Target* is action taken when a possible rule matches. Examples of the target are ACCEPT, DROP, QUEUE.
- *Policy* is the default action taken in case of no match with the inbuilt chains and can be ACCEPT or DROP.

Syntax:

iptables --table TABLE -A/-C/-D... CHAIN rule --jump Target

TABLE

There are five possible tables:

- filter: Default used table for packet filtering. It includes chains like INPUT, OUTPUT and FORWARD.
- nat: Related to Network Address Translation. It includes PREROUTING and POSTROUTING chains.

- mangle: For specialised packet alteration. Inbuilt chains include PREROUTING and OUTPUT.
- raw: Configures exemptions from connection tracking. Built-in chains are PREROUTING and OUTPUT.
- security: Used for Mandatory Access Control

CHAINS

There are few built-in chains that are included in tables. They are:

- INPUT :set of rules for packets destined to localhost sockets.
- **FORWARD**: for packets routed through the device.
- **OUTPUT**: for locally generated packets, meant to be transmitted outside.
- **PREROUTING**: for modifying packets as they arrive.
- POSTROUTING: for modifying packets as they are leaving.

Note: User-defined chains can also be created.

OPTIONS

1. -A, -append: Append to the chain provided in parameters.

Syntax:

iptables [-t table] --append [chain] [parameters]

Example: This command drops all the traffic coming on any port. iptables -t filter --append INPUT -j DROP

Syntax:

iptables [-t table] --delete [chain] [rule number]

Example: This command deletes the rule 2 from INPUT chain.

iptables -t filter --delete INPUT 2

1. **-C, -check**: Check if a rule is present in the chain or not. It returns 0 if the rule exists and returns 1 if it does not.

Syntax:

iptables [-t table] --check [chain] [parameters]

Example: This command checks whether the specified rule is present in the INPUT chain.

iptables -t filter --check INPUT -s 192.168.1.123 -j DROP

Output:

PARAMETERS

The parameters provided with the *iptables* command is used to match the packet and perform the specified action. The common parameters are:

1. **-p, -proto**: is the protocol that the packet follows. Possible values maybe: tcp, udp, icmp, ssh etc.

Syntax:

iptables [-t table] -A [chain] -p {protocol name} [target]

Example: This command appends a rule in the INPUT chain to drop all udp packets.

iptables -t filter -A INPUT -p udp -j DROP

2. **-s, -source:** is used to match with the source address of the packet.

Syntax:

iptables [-t table] -A [chain] -s {source_address} [target]

Example: This command appends a rule in the INPUT chain to accept all packets originating from 192.168.1.230.

iptables -t filter -A INPUT -s 192.168.1.230 -j ACCEPT

Output:

3. **-d, -destination**: is used to match with the destination address of the packet.

Syntax:

iptables [-t table] -A [chain] -d {destination address} [target]

Example: This command appends a rule in the OUTPUT chain to drop all packets destined for 192.168.1.123.

iptables -t filter -A OUTPUT -d 192.168.1.123 -j DROP

4. **-i, -in-interface**: matches packets with the specified in-interface and takes the action.

Syntax:

iptables [-t table] -A [chain] -i {interface} [target]

Example: This command appends a rule in the INPUT chain to drop all packets destined for wireless interface.

iptables -t filter -A INPUT -i wlan0 -j DROP

Output:

- 5. **-o, -out-interface**: matches packets with the specified out-interface.
- 6. **-j, –jump :** this parameter specifies the action to be taken on a match.

Syntax: iptables [-t table] -A [chain] [parameters] -j {target}

Example: This command adds a rule in the FORWARD chain to drop all packets.

iptables -t filter -A FORWARD -j DROP

Note:

- While trying out the commands, you can remove all filtering rules and user created chains.
- sudo iptables --flush
- To save the iptables configuration use: sudo iptables-save
- Restoring iptables config can be done with: sudo iptables-restore
- There are other interfaces such ip6tables which are used to manage filtering tables for IPv6.

Firewalls are a vital part of network security, so it's important for a sysadmin to be familiar with how they work. If you understand firewalls, you can keep your network secure by making intelligent choices about the traffic you allow in and out.

Because "firewall" is such an exciting name, people often imagine an intricate Tron-style neon battle happening on the outskirts of a network, with packets of rogue data being set alight to protect your users' the techno fortress. In reality, a firewall is just a piece of software controlling incoming and outgoing network traffic.

Ports

A firewall is able to manage this traffic by monitoring network ports. In the world of firewalls, the term *port* doesn't refer to a physical connection like a USB, VGA, or HDMI port. For the purpose of firewalls, a *port* is an artificial construct created by the operating system to represent a pathway for a specific type of data. This system could have been called anything, like "contacts," "connections," or even "penguins," but it the creators used "ports," and that's the name that we still use today. The point is, there's nothing special about any port; they are just a way to designate an address where data transference happens.

There are a number of ports that are well-known, but even these are only conventions. For instance, you may know that HTTP traffic occurs on port 80, HTTPS traffic uses port 443, FTP uses port 21, and SSH uses port 22. When your computer transmits data to another computer, it adds a prefix to the data to indicate which port it wants to access. If the port on the receiving end is accepting data of the same protocol as the data you are sending, then the data is successfully exchanged.

You can see this process in action by going to any website. Open a web browser and navigate to example.com:80, which causes your computer to send an HTTP request to port 80 of the computer serving the example.com website. You receive a webpage in return. Web browsers don't require you to enter the port you want to access every time you navigate to a URL, however, because it's assumed that HTTP traffic accesses port 80 or 443.

You can test this process using a terminal-based web browser:

Using the same notation, you can force rejection by navigating to a website using a nonstandard port. Navigate to an arbitrary port, example.com:79 for instance. Your request for a webpage is declined:

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$ curl --connect-timeout 3 "http://example.com:79" curl: (7) Failed to connect: Network is unreachable
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The correlation between ports and protocols are merely conventions mutually agreed upon by a standards group, and a user base. These settings can be changed on individual computers. In fact, back in the pioneer days of computing, many people felt that just changing the port number of popular services would allay an attack. Today, attacks are a lot more sophisticated. There's little value in surprising an automated port scanner by changing which port a service listens on.

Instead, a firewall governs what activity is permitted on any given port.

The firewall-cmd interface

Your infrastructure may have a server in a rack with the sole purpose of running a firewall, or you may have a firewall embedded in the router—or modem—acting as your primary gateway to the internet. You probably also have a firewall running on your personal workstation or laptop. All of these firewalls have their own configuration interface. This article covers the firewall-cmd terminal command found on most Linux distributions.

Firewall-cmd is a front-end tool for managing the firewalld daemon, which interfaces with the Linux kernel's netfilter framework. This stack probably isn't present on the embedded modems common in small- to medium-sized businesses, but it's on or available for any Linux distribution that uses systemd.

Without an active firewall, firewall-cmd has nothing to control, so the first step is to ensure that firewalld is running:

\$ sudo systemctl enable --now firewalld
This command starts the firewall daemon and sets it to auto-load upon reboot.

Block (almost) everything

Common advice when configuring a firewall is to first block everything, and then open the ports you know you actually need. That means you have to know what you need, though, and sometimes figuring that out is an afternoon's job all its own.

If your organization runs its own DNS or DNS caching service, for instance, then you must remember to unblock the port (usually 53) handling DNS communication. If you

rely on SSH to configure your servers remotely, then you must not block that port. You must account for every service running on your infrastructure, and you must understand whether that service is internal-only or whether it needs to interact with the outside world.

In the case of proprietary software, there may be calls made to the outside world that you're not even aware of. If some applications react poorly to a strict firewall recently put in place, you may have to reverse engineer (or talk to the application's support line) to discover what kind of traffic it's trying to create, and why. In the open source world, this issue is less common, but it's not outside the realm of possibility, especially in the case of complex software stacks (for example, today even media players make calls out to the internet, if only to fetch album art or a track listing).

Firewall-cmd uses *zones* as presets, giving you sane defaults to choose from. Doing this saves you from having to build a firewall from scratch. Zones apply to a network interface, so on a server with two ethernet interfaces, you may have one zone governing one ethernet interface, and a different zone governing the other.

It's worth taking time to get familiar with the zones provided on your system. To see all available zones, use:

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --get-zones block dmz drop external home internal public trusted work To see what's unblocked in a specific zone:

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --zone work --list-all

work

target: default

icmp-block-inversion: no

interfaces: ens3

sources:

services: cockpit dhcpv6-client ssh

ports: protocols: masquerade: no forward-ports: source-ports:

icmp-blocks: rich rules:

Use one of the existing zones as a starting point for your own firewall rules, or just create your own.

Create a zone

To create a new zone, use the --new-zone option.

All firewall-cmd actions persist only until the firewall or the computer running it restarts. Anything you want to be permanent must be accompanied by the --permanent flag.

For an example, create a new permanent zone called corp, and then reload the firewall rules so that your new zone activates:

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --new-zone corp --permanent success

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --reload

Before assigning any network interface to this new zone, add the ssh service so you can access it remotely. Use the --permanent option to make this addition persist across reboots:

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --zone corp --add-service ssh --permanent

Your new zone, called corp, is now active, rejects all but SSH traffic, and is assigned to no specific network interface. To make corp the active and default zone for the network interface you want to protect (ens3 in this example), use the --change-interface option:

\$ firewall-cmd --change-interface ens3 \

--zone corp --permanent

The interface is under control of NetworkManager, setting zone to 'corp'. success

By making corp the default zone, all future commands are applied to corp unless the -zone option specifies a different zone. Whether you want to set corp as the default
depends on whether you plan to this zone as your new primary zone. If so, the following
does the job:

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --set-default corp

To view the zones currently assigned to each interface, use the --get-active-zones option:

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --get-active-zones``

corp

interfaces: ens3

work

interfaces: ens4

Add and remove services

Now that you've blocked everything but SSH, you can open the ports your network relies upon. The quick and easy way to permit traffic through your firewall is to add a predefined service.

The list of available predefined services is extensive. To view it, use:

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --get-services RH-Satellite-6 amanda-client amqp amqps apcupsd audit bacula bacula-client bgp bitcoin bitcoin-rpc bitcoin-testnet ceph cockpit dhcp dhcpv6 dhcpv6-client distcc dns

[...]

Assume you need to run a webserver. First, you would install the webserver you want to use (the httpd package on RHEL or Fedora, apache2 on Ubuntu and Debian). For this example, we'll use httpd:

\$ sudo dnf install httpd

\$ sudo systemctl --enable --now httpd

Then, test your webserver locally:

\$ curl --silent localhost:80 | grep title

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Next, attempt to connect to your webserver from an external browser. The connection fails, demonstrating that the firewall is effective:

\$ curl --connect-timeout 3 192.168.122.206

curl: (28) Connection timed out after 3001 milliseconds

Unblock a service

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --add-service http --permanent

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --reload

Then, test from an outside source:

\$ curl --silent 192.168.122.206 | grep title

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Now that you know how to add a service, removing one is fairly intuitive:

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --remove-service http --permanent

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --reload

Add and remove ports

Sometimes, a predefined service doesn't exist, or it assumes defaults that don't match your network. Instead of adding a service, you can add a port number and protocol type directly with -- add-port.

For instance, if you need to add the non-standard port 1622 for SSH to your custom zone (if your custom zone isn't the default zone for your commands, add the --zone option):

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --add-port 1622/tcp --permanent

success

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --reload

To remove that port, use --remove-port:

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --remove-port 1622/tcp --permanent

success

\$ sudo firewall-cmd --reload