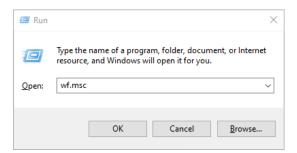
How to Configure a Firewall to Allow Only HTTPS Traffic (Windows & Linux)

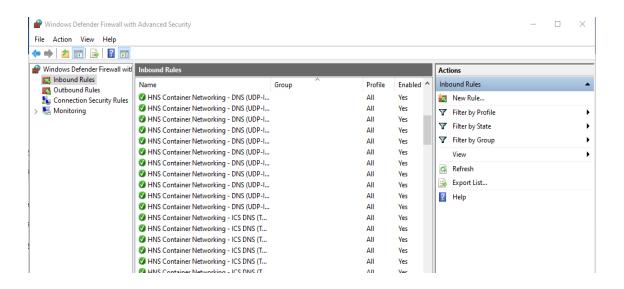
Step 1: Access the Firewall Interface

For Windows Defender Firewall:

- 1. Open the Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security:
 - Press 'Win + R', type 'wf.msc', and hit Enter.



2. In the left panel, click on **Inbound Rules**. This is where you'll manage incoming traffic.



For Linux (IPTables):

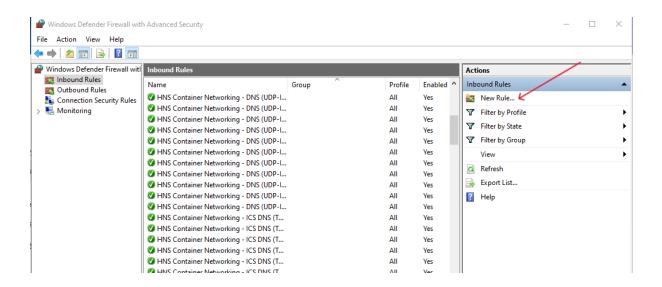
- 1. Open a terminal.
- 2. Gain root privileges by typing:

sudo su

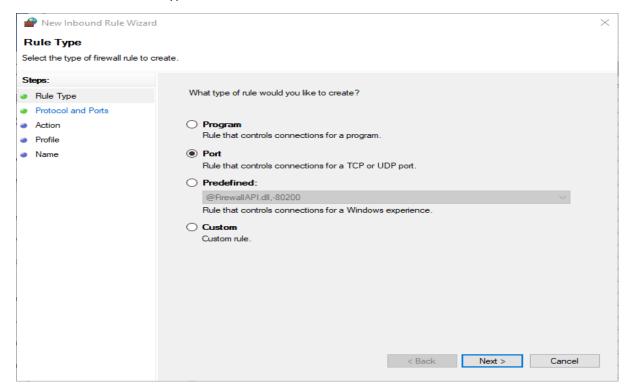
Step 2: Create a Rule to Allow HTTPS Traffic

Windows Firewall:

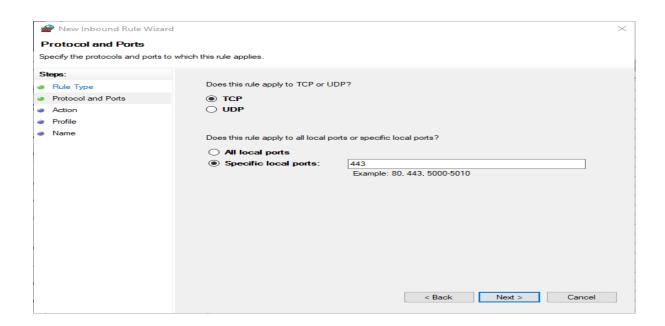
1. Click on New Rule in the right-hand panel.



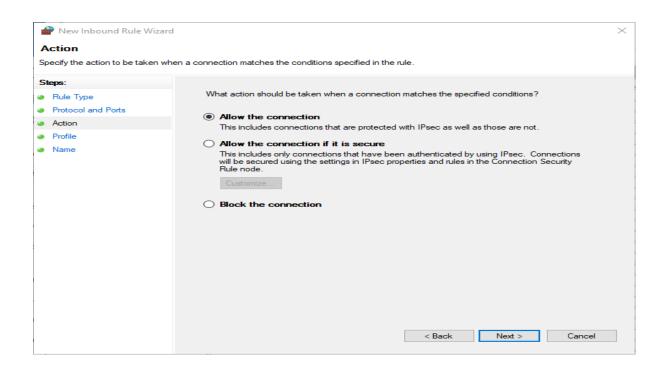
2. Select Port as the rule type and click Next.



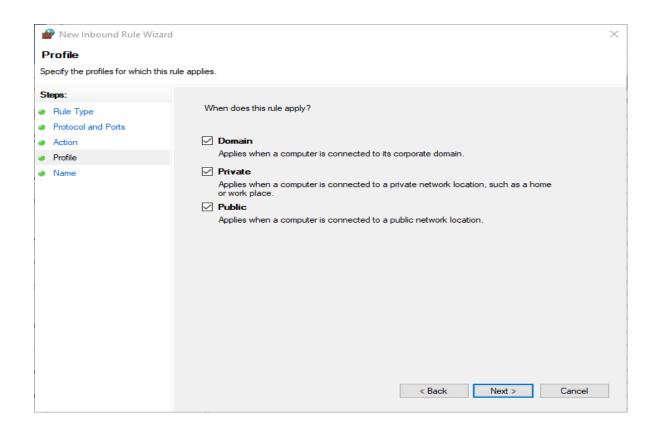
3. Choose TCP and specify port `443` (the default port for HTTPS).



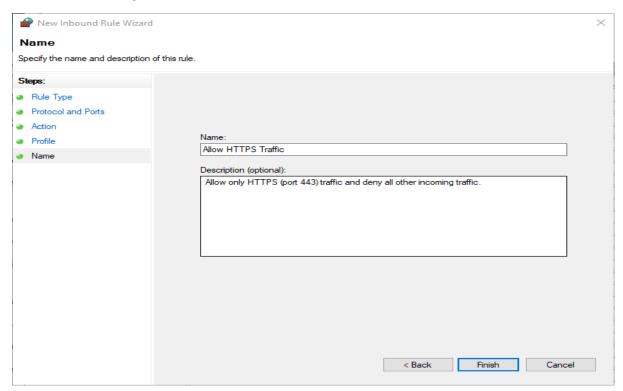
4. Select Allow the connectionand click Next.



5. Apply the rule to Domain, Private, and Public networks.



6. Name the rule (e.g., "Allow HTTPS Traffic") and click Finish.



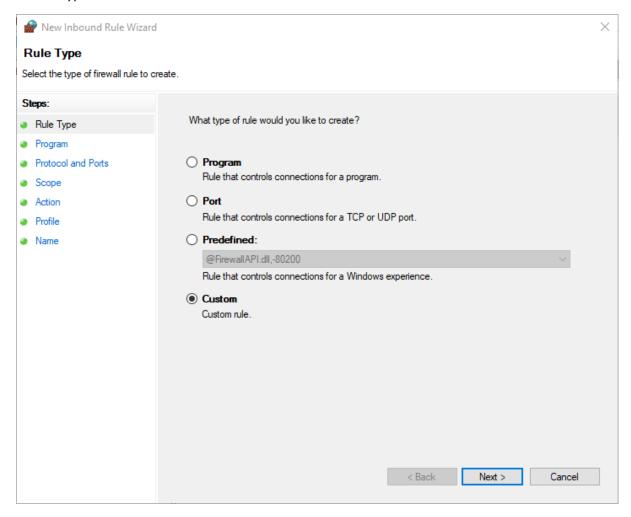
For Linux (IPTables):

Run the following command to allow HTTPS traffic to your server: sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 443 -d 192.168.1.100 -j ACCEPT Replace `192.168.1.100` with your server's IP address.

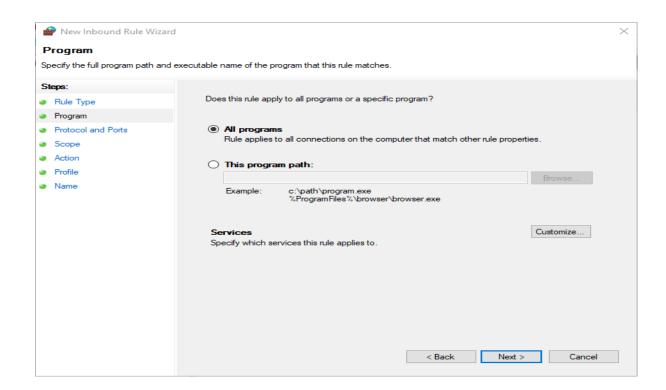
Step 3: Deny All Other Incoming Traffic

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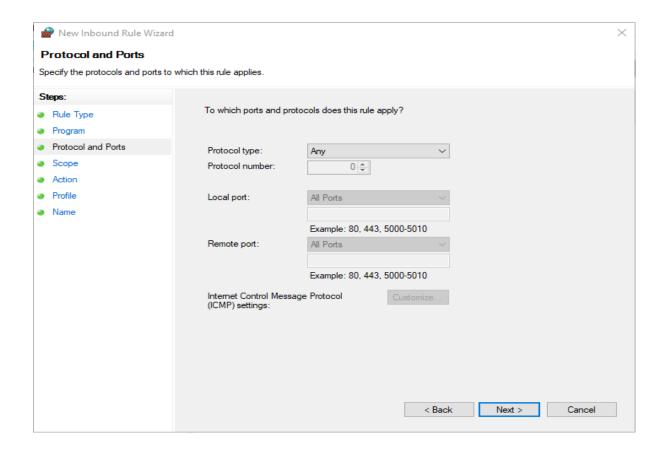
- 1. Create a new rule:
- 2. Rule Type: Select Custom and click Next



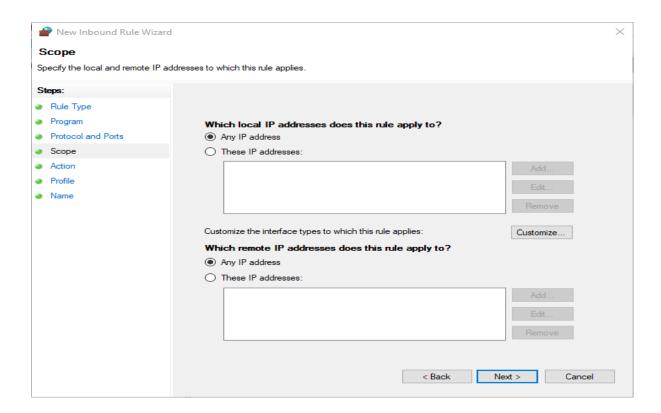
3. Program: Choose All Programs and click Next.



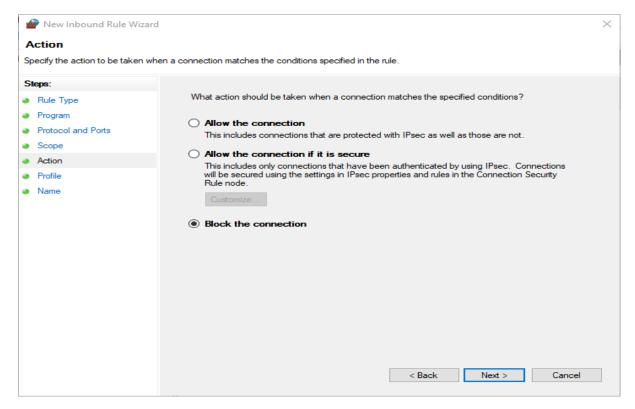
4. Protocol and Ports: Leave as Any and click Next.



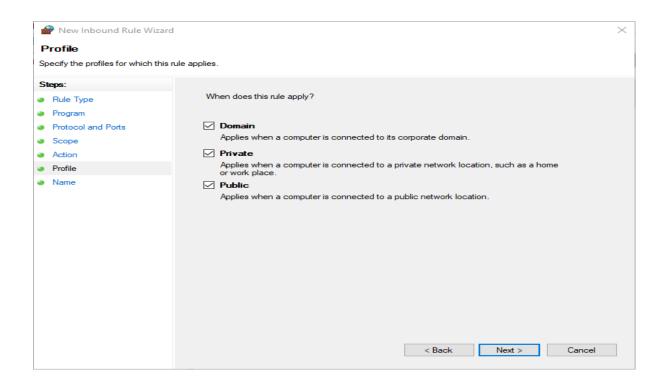
5. Scope: Keep the default settings (applies to all IP addresses) and click Next.



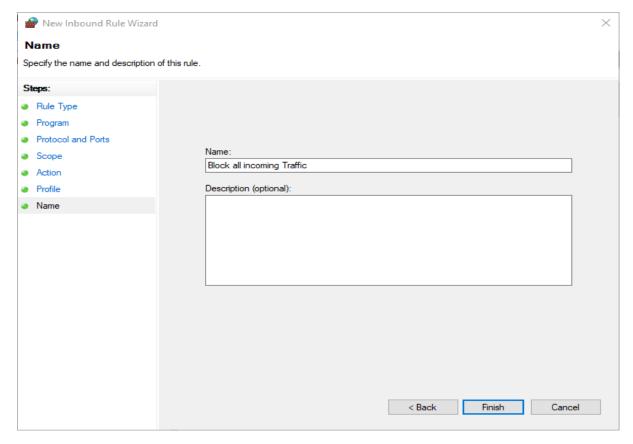
6. Action: Select Block the connection and click Next.



7. Ensure Domain, Private, and Public are all checked.



8. Name the rule (e.g., "Block All Incoming Traffic") and click Finish.



For Linux:

Run the following command to block all other incoming traffic:

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sudo iptables -A INPUT -d 10.0.2.11 -j DROP
```

Replace `10.0.2.11` with your server's IP address.

Step 4: Save and Apply the Rules

For Windows:

No additional steps are required. Windows automatically saves and applies the rules once created.

For Linux:

Save the IPTables rules to ensure they persist after a reboot:

sudo iptables-save > /etc/iptables/rules.v4

The below are all Linux steps:

✓ You're Done!

Your firewall is now configured to allow only HTTPS traffic to your server, blocking all other incoming connections. This setup ensures that your server remains secure while enabling encrypted communication for legitimate users.