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Limit the number of Telnet sessions coming from the same remote system

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Q. How do I configure telnet server so that I can limit the number of Telnet sessions coming from the same remote system under Cent OS Linux?



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A. You can use iptables to limit the number of Telnet sessions coming from the same remote system. However iptables may take some time. CentOS (and Redhat Linux, Fedora Core) use xinetd to manage telnet server. You need to set `per_source` variable.

The `per_source` config directive can define the limit for Telnet sessions coming from the same remote system.

Open `/etc/xinetd.d/telnet` file

vi /etc/xinetd.d/telnet

Append/modify `per_source` as follows:

`per_source = 2`

Save and close the file. At the end your file should read as follows:
service telnet

```
{
    disable = no
    flags           = REUSE
    socket_type     = stream
    wait           = no
    user           = root
    server         = /usr/sbin/in.telnetd
    log_on_failure += USERID
    per_source     = 2
}
```

Restart xinetd service:

```
# /etc/init.d/xinetd restart
```

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