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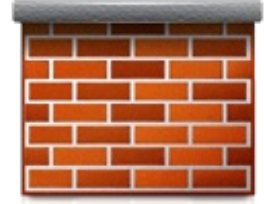http://www.cyberciti.biz/

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Block ip address of spammers with iptables under Linux

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Q. How do I block ip address of spammers with iptables based firewall under CentOS Linux 5?

A. You can simply block IP address of spammers by editing /etc/sysconfig/iptables file under:

a) CentOS Linux
b) Fedora Linux
c) RHEL 4.x/5.x etc

[1]

Open file /etc/sysconfig/iptables:

```
# vi /etc/sysconfig/iptables
```

Append ip address of spammers as follows:

```
-A RH-Firewall-1-INPUT -s SPAMMER-IP -j DROP
-A RH-Firewall-1-INPUT -s SPAMMER-SUBNET-BLOCK -j DROP
```

Save and close the file. Just restart the firewall:

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

You can also create a small shell script to block lots of IP address [2] at a time.

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