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Display the Natted / Routed Connections on a Linux Iptable Firewall

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Q. I've Linux box acting as software router (natted) for over 100 computer connected via LAN. Regular netstat command is not displaying the list of all natted connections. How do I find out connections managed by netfilter / iptables which comes with the Debian 4.x system?



A. You cannot use regular netstat command to display NAT connections managed by iptables. You need to use netstat-nat command. You can also use /proc/net/ip_conntrack or /proc/net/nf_conntrack, which is the temporary conntrack storage of netfilter.

[1]

Install netstat-nat

Use apt-get command under Debian / Ubuntu Linux, enter:

```
$ sudo apt-get install netstat-nat
```

Source code / RPM file

If you are using Suse / Redhat Linux, grab source code or RPM file here [2]:

How do I use netstat-nat command?

Login as root user and type the following to display list of all natted connections:

```
# netstat-nat -n
```

To display NAT connections with protocol selection, enter:

```
# netstat-nat -np
```

To display all connection by source IP called 192.168.1.100

```
# netstat-nat -s 192.168.1.100
```

To display all connections by destination IP/hostname called laptop, enter:

```
# netstat-nat -s laptop
```

To display SNAT connections, enter:

```
# netstat-nat -S
```

To display DNAT connections, enter:

```
# netstat-nat -D
```

To display only connections to NAT box self i.e. doesn't show SNAT & DNAT, enter:

```
# netstat-nat -L
```

To display help, enter:

```
$ netstat-nat -h
```

\$ man netstat-nat

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[2] file here: http://www.tweegy.nl/projects/netstat-nat/

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