

Lab 7

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1. Use the following commands on router to set the default policies for a table.

sudo iptables -P INPUT ACCEPT

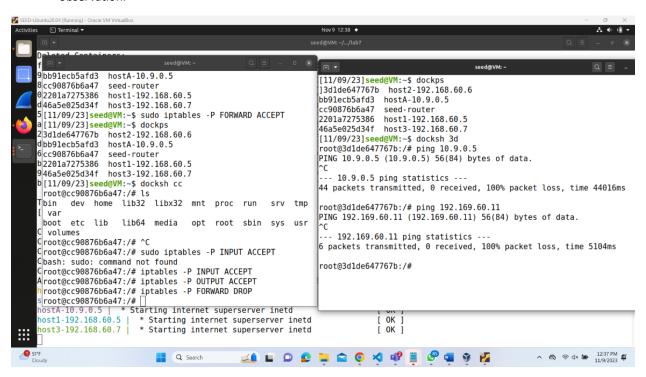
sudo iptables -P OUTPUT ACCEPT

sudo iptables -P FORWARD DROP

Recall, INPUT is to check incoming packet; OUTPUT is to check outgoing packet; FORWARDING is to check the passing packet (at router). Further, the commands assume the default table.

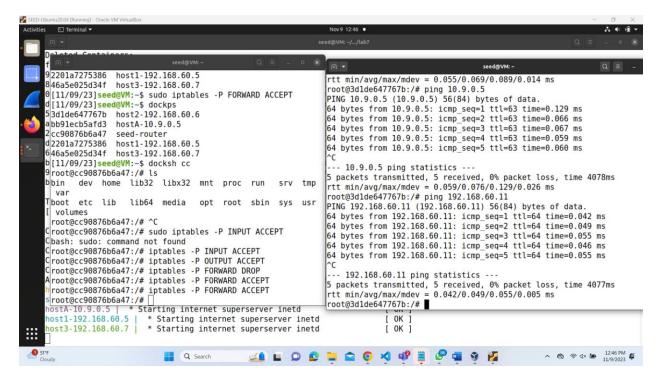
filter (-t filter).

On 192.168.60.6, run \$ ping 10.9.0.5 and then ping 192.168.60.11. Does it succeed? Explain your observation.



• Change **DROP** to **ACCEPT**, for FORWARD case. Try the pings in the above step again. Now does it succeed?

Observation: the default policy of FORWARD DROP prevents the router from forwarding packets between the specified networks, leading to unsuccessful pings between 192.168.60.6 and 10.9.0.5 or 192.168.60.11.

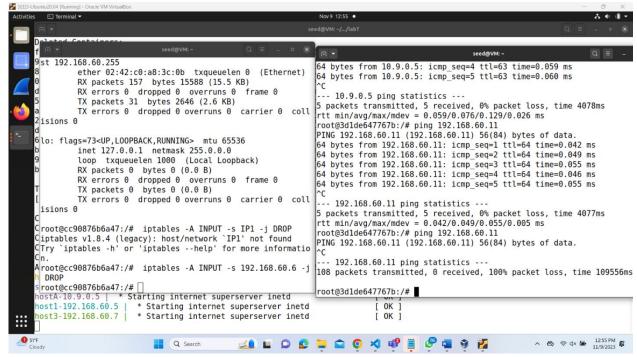


[blocking an IP]

a. On 192.168.60.11, if we want to block packets from an ip address IP1, use command sudo iptables -A INPUT -s IP1 -j DROP

/*this uses INPUT chain because it is incoming packet*/

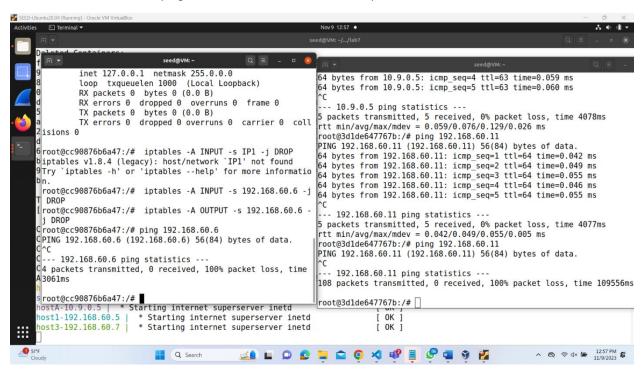
On IP1, ping 192.168.60.11 and what can be observed? Explain.



Observation: As we have blocked 192.168.60.6 on Router, if I ping from 192.168.60.6 to Router, all packets will be lost, and no packets are received on Router end.

b. On 192.168.60.11, if we want to block packets to an ip address IP1, use command sudo iptables -A OUTPUT -d IP1 -j DROP

/*this uses OUTPUT chain because it is outgoing packet*/
On 192.168.60.11, ping IP1 and what can be observed? Explain.



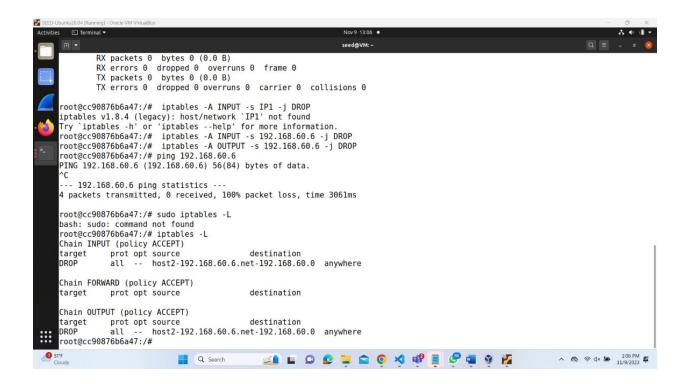
Observation: As we have blocked the OUTPUT to 192.168.60.6, when we try to send packets from router to this IP, it will drop all the packets.

3. [List all rules] do it on Router.

a. You can see all the firewall rules by the following command

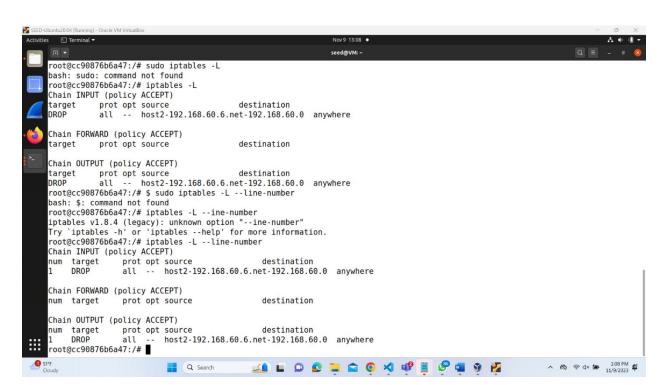
\$ sudo iptables -L

/* again, this assume filter table (i.e., -t filter) by default*/



b. You can see all the fire rules in each chain with index number. The index will be used for other operation such as deletion later.

\$ sudo iptables -L --line-number



4. [Delete a rule] on Router, delete a rule in a chain (such as INPUT) in two steps:

first, list with index:

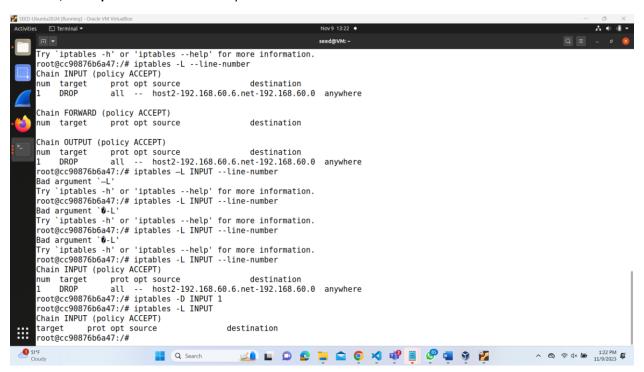
\$ sudo iptables -L INPUT --line-number

Then, delete the rule using the index:

\$sudo iptables -D INPUT 1

Now use the method to delete the first rule in your current INPUT table and then

\$ sudo iptables -L INPUT to verify whether rule 1 is deleted or not.



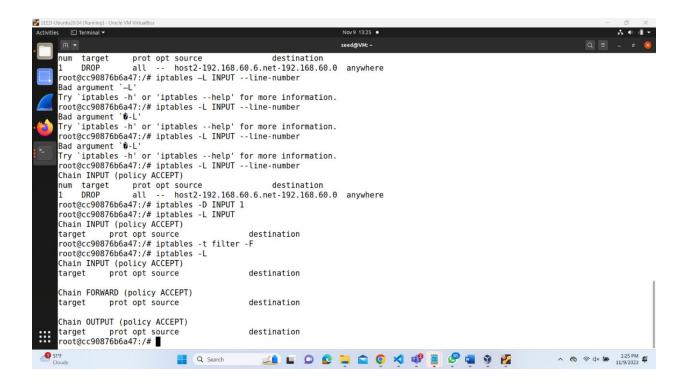
5. [Delete all rules in a TABLE]

On router, flush the rules in a table (e.g., filter):

\$sudo iptables -t filter -F

/*again,-t filter can be omitted*/

Then, run \$sudo iptables -L and you will not see any rule.



6. [Drop all incoming connections, except telnet]

On router, block incoming connections to any service except for telnet. To do this, we can set default policy for INPUT chain of filter Table to be DROP and then specify a rule to accept incoming telnet connection.

\$ sudo iptables -P INPUT DROP

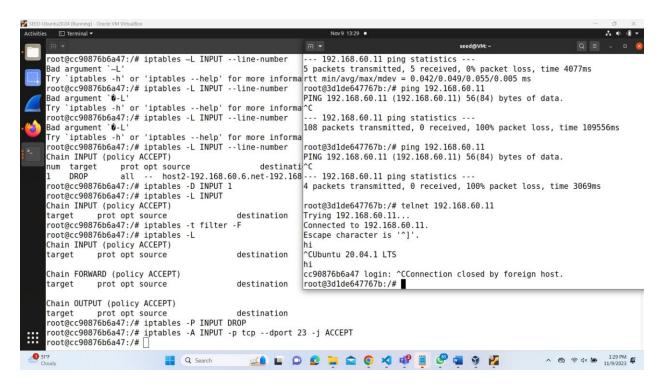
\$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp - -dport 23 -j ACCEPT

/* A default policy is applied only if all the rules in the chain have been executed without making a decision (either ACCEPT or DROP or REJECT). For example, if we ssh to router, then the rule does not ACCEPT but also not REJECT. So the default policy applies. Note: here -p stands for protocol. */

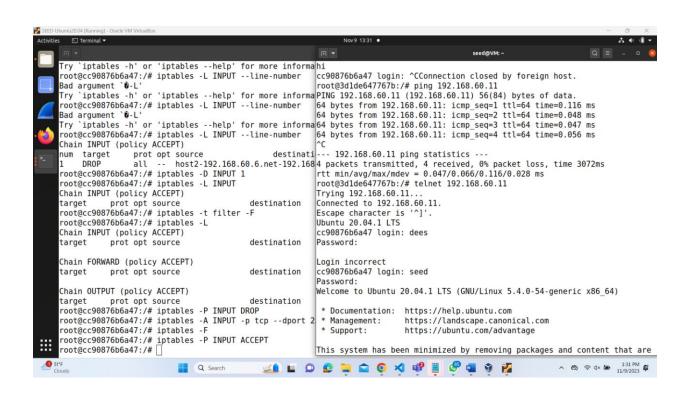
Then, ping and telnet to 192.168.60.11 (from other VM). Which succeeds (telnet or ping)?

Ping - Don't

Telnet - Succeeded



/*after this problem, run \$ sudo iptables -F to flush all rules in filter table and recover the default policy: \$ sudo iptables -P INPUT ACCEPT */



7. [drop outgoing DNS request to 8.8.8.8]

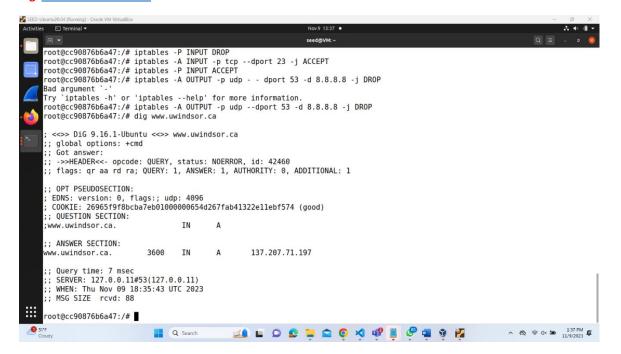
In this case, since it is outgoing packet, we add rule to OUTPUT chain. Since it is DNS request, the destination should be the DNS server, which has a port number 53. Finally, since DNS is implemented using UDP, we use protocol UDP. Hence, we add the following rule:

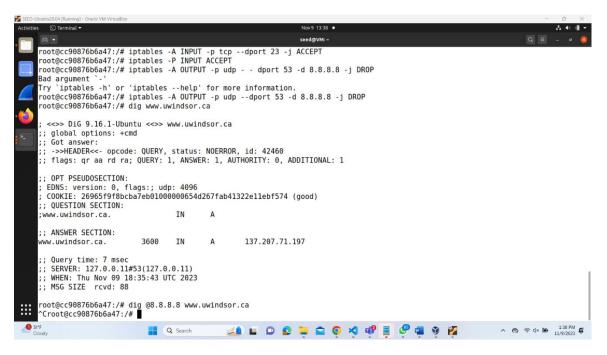
\$ sudo iptables -A OUTPUT -p udp - - dport 53 -d 8.8.8.8 -j DROP

Then, try \$ dig www.uwindsor.ca and dig @8.8.8.8 www.uwindsor.ca. Which succeeds?

/* delete the rule in order not to affect the following experiment */

dig www.uwindsor.ca - succeeds



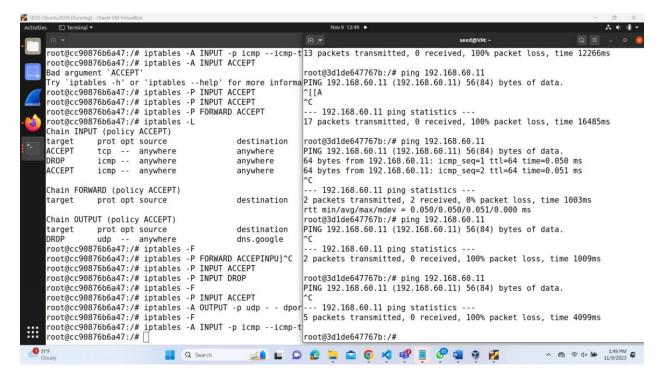


8. [block incoming ping request]

You can not ping uwindsor webserver. Most likely, this is blocked by firewall of uwindsor. Here is the way to block an incoming icmp request.

\$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p icmp --icmp-type echo-request -j DROP

Run this on router and ping router from another VM. Do you get any reply? Explain



9. Suppose that you want to block all incoming connections while you do not want your visit to external servers to be affected.

However, if you send a request to an external server, the server will reply to you while this packet will be blocked by your firewall. To resolve this issue, you should regard the response packet (to your request) as related to your outgoing request packet and allowed to come in. This is achieved using the *conntrack* module.

\$ sudo iptables -P INPUT DROP

\$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -m conntrack --ctstate RELATED, ESTABLISHED -j ACCEPT

Try this on router VM. Then, telnet to a VM (e.g. 192.168.60.7).

Next, telnet from the latter (192.168.60.7) to router. Which telnet session directly succeeds?

Answer: Router's Telnet directly succeeds, and when I try from 192.168.60.6, it Failed to telnet.

