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# Task 4: Setup and Use a Firewall on Windows/Linux

For Linux (UFW - Uncomplicated Firewall)

ufw is a command-line tool

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[deathh@parrot]=[~]

$sudo ufw status verbose
[sudo] password for deathh:

Status: inactive
```

It is a tool for managing the firewall in linux. In the above screenshot we can see that the ufw status is inactive.

Now I will enable the ufw tool:

It shows that it has enabled the firewall on the machine.

To list the Current firewall:

I will write this command "sudo ufw status numbered"

```
[deathh@parrot]=[~]
    $sudo ufw status numbered
Status: active
    [deathh@parrot]=[~]
    $_____$
```

In the above screenshot we can notice that no custom rules have been added yet.

It is only applying its default policy.

Now we will add a rule to block the Inbound traffic on port 23

```
[deathh@parrot]-[~]
    $sudo ufw deny 23
Rule added
Rule added (v6)
    [deathh@parrot]-[~]
    $
```

The above screenshot shows the command to block Telnet Port no. 23;

### TO TEST THE RULE, I WILL WRITE THE COMMAND BELOW:

After running the "telnet localhost 23" command it shows "Unable to connect to remote host: Connection refused"

Let's add a rule to allow port number 22 -

```
[x]-[deathh@parrot]-[~]
    $sudo ufw allow 22
Rule added
Rule added (v6)
    [deathh@parrot]-[~]
    $
```

Successfully added the SSH Port on firewall rule.

First check if the ssh service is disabled or not; if disabled write this command on terminal

#### sudo systemctl status ssh

To test the rule we can write the – sudo system status ssh

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• ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server

Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/ssh.service; disabled; preset: enabled)

Active: active (running) since Fri 2025-06-06 18:02:40 IST; 4s ago

Docs: man:sshd(8)

man:sshd_config(5)

Process: 2894 ExecStartPre=/usr/sbin/sshd -t (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)

Main PID: 2896 (sshd)

Tasks: 1 (limit: 9325)

Memory: 2.7M

CPU: 13ms

CGroup: /system.slice/ssh.service

L2896 "sshd: /usr/sbin/sshd -D [listener] 0 of 10-100 startups"

Jun 06 18:02:40 parrot systemd[1]: Starting ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server...

Jun 06 18:02:40 parrot sshd[2896]: Server listening on 0.0.0.0 port 22.

Jun 06 18:02:40 parrot systemd[1]: Started ssh.service - OpenBSD Secure Shell server.
```

It shows that the SSH service is running properly and not dead.

Now we can easily connect through a remote desktop on the same network.

#### Now, to remove the Block Rule to Restore Original State:

• List the rules:

sudo ufw status numbered

```
[x]-[deathh@parrot]-[~]
    $sudo ufw status numbered
Status: active
    To
                                Action
                                            From
 1] 23
                                DENY IN
                                            Anywhere
 2] 22
                                ALLOW IN
                                            Anywhere
                                DENY IN
 3] 23 (v6)
                                            Anywhere (v6)
                                ALLOW IN
                                            Anywhere (v6)
 4] 22 (v6)
  [deathh@parrot]-[~]
```

• Delete the rule by its number: sudo ufw delete 1

```
[x]-[deathh@parrot]-[~]
   sudo ufw status numbered
Status: active
     To
                                Action
                                            From
                                DENY IN
                                            Anywhere
 1] 23
 2] 22
                                ALLOW IN
                                            Anywhere
[ 3] 23 (v6)
                                DENY IN
                                            Anywhere (v6)
                                ALLOW IN
                                            Anywhere (v6)
[ 4] 22 (v6)
  [deathh@parrot]-[~]
  -- $sudo ufw delete 1
Deleting:
deny 23
Proceed with operation (y|n)? y
Rule deleted
 -[deathh@parrot]-[~]
```

Above is the demonstration showed for the rule deletion.

# **Summary on How UFW Filters Traffic**

- UFW is a straightforward layer on top of iptables used to manipulate firewall rules.
- By default, it blocks all incoming traffic unless allowed.
- You can add rules to allow or deny specific ports, protocols, or IP addresses.
- Rules are acted on in order.
- It helps to minimize exposure of services to unintended communication.

# Commands used:

- sudo ufw enable
- sudo ufw status verbose
- sudo ufw deny 23
- sudo ufw allow 22
- sudo ufw status numbered
- sudo ufw delete <rule number>