Cyber Security Internship Task 4: Firewall Setup and Testing

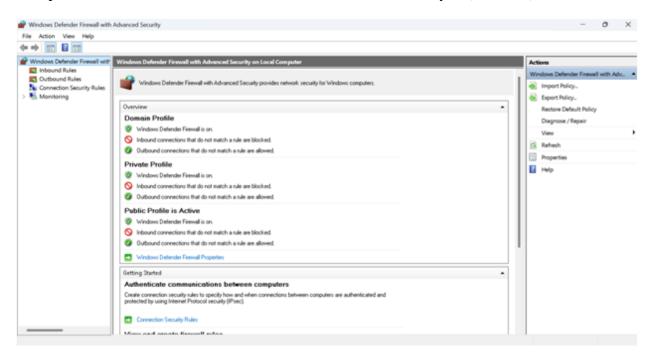
Objective

Configure firewall rules to block Telnet (port 23) and allow SSH (port 22), test these rules, and restore the firewall to its original state. This task is performed on both Windows (using GUI) and Linux (using UFW).

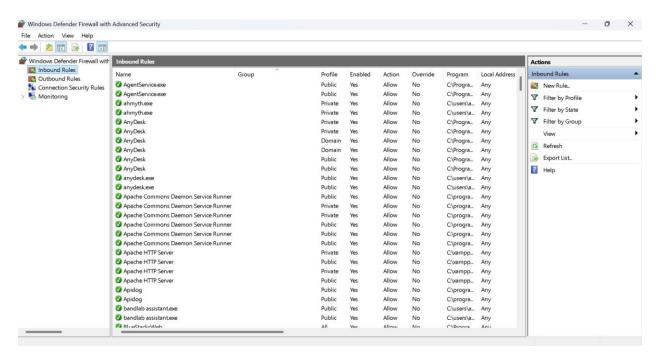
Windows Firewall Configuration (Using GUI)

Steps Performed:

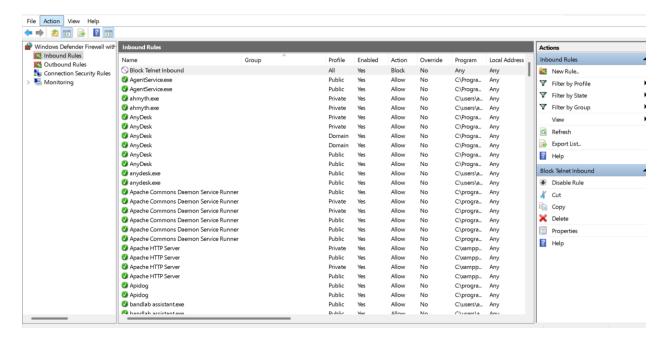
1. Opened **Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security** (`wf.msc`).



2. Viewed current inbound rules.



3. Created a new inbound rule to **block TCP port 23 (Telnet)**.



4. Tested Telnet connection to 192.168.56.101 on port 23 using Command Prompt. The connection failed, confirming the block.

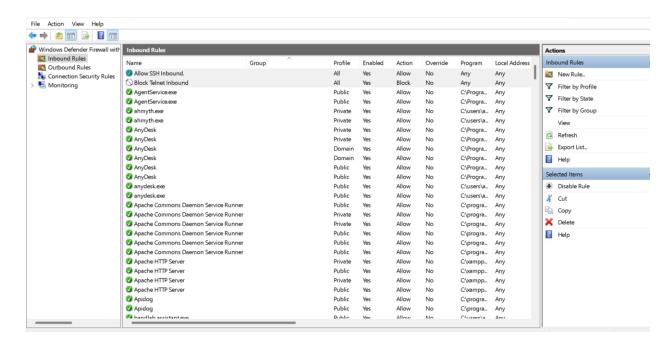
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Administrator: Windows PowerShell

PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> telnet localhost 23

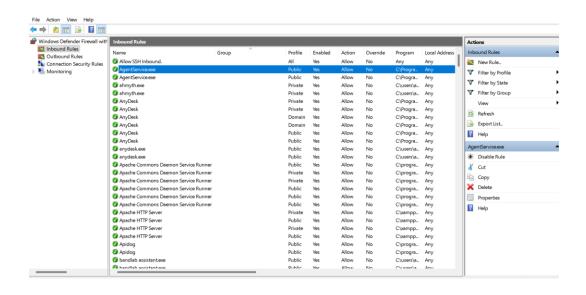
Connecting To localhost...Could not open connection to the host, on port 23: Connect failed

PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>
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5. Created a new inbound rule to **allow TCP port 22 (SSH)** (optional if SSH server is present).



6. Removed the block rule on port 23 to restore the original state.



Linux Firewall Configuration (Using UFW)

Commands and Output:

1. Checked initial UFW status and rules:

bash

sudo ufw status verbose

2. Enabled UFW firewall (if it was not enabled):

sudo ufw enable

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root@hacker:/home/hacker

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(root@hacker)-[/home/hacker]

# sudo ufw enable

Firewall is active and enabled on system startup

(root@hacker)-[/home/hacker]
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3. Blocked inbound traffic on port 23 (Telnet):

sudo ufw deny 23/tcp

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(root@ hacker)-[/home/hacker]

# sudo ufw deny 23/tcp

Rule added

Rule added (v6)

(root@ hacker)-[/home/hacker]
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4. Tested Telnet connection to port 23 (expected to fail):

telnet 192.168.56.101 23

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root@hacker:/home/hacker

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(root@ hacker)=[/home/hacker]

# telnet 192.168.56.101 23

Trying 192.168.56.101...

telnet: Unable to connect to remote host: Connection refused

(root@ hacker)=[/home/hacker]
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5. Allowed inbound SSH port 22:

sudo ufw allow 22/tcp

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(root@hacker)-[/home/hacker]
# sudo ufw allow 22/tcp
Rule added
Rule added (v6) ft list ruleset

(root@hacker)-[/home/hacker]
# ]
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6. Verified final UFW status showing all rules:

sudo ufw status verbose