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# Use netsh advfirewall firewall instead of netsh firewall to control Windows Firewall behavior

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This article describes how to use the `netsh advfirewall` firewall context instead of the `netsh firewall` context to control Windows Firewall behavior.

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## Summary

The `netsh advfirewall` firewall command-line context is available in Windows Server 2012 R2. This context provides the functionality for controlling Windows Firewall behavior that was provided by the `netsh firewall` firewall context.

This context also provides functionality for more precise control of firewall rules. These rules include the following per-profile settings:

- Domain
- Private
- Public

The `netsh firewall` command-line context might be deprecated in a future version of the Windows operating system. We recommend that you use the `netsh advfirewall` firewall context to control firewall behavior.

### ① Important

If you are a member of the Administrators group, and User Account Control is enabled on your computer, run the commands from a command prompt with elevated permissions. To start a command prompt with elevated permissions, find the icon or Start menu entry that you use to start a command prompt session, right-click it, and then click **Run as administrator**.

Some examples of frequently used commands are provided in the following tables. You can use these examples to help you migrate from

the older `netsh firewall` context to the new `netsh advfirewall` firewall context.

Additionally, the `netsh advfirewall` commands that you can use to obtain detailed inline help are provided.

## Command example 1: Enable a program


 Expand table

Old command	New command
<code>netsh firewall add allowedprogram C:\MyApp\MyApp.exe "My Application" ENABLE</code>	<code>netsh advfirewall fir Application" dir=in a program="C:\MyApp\MyA</code>
<code>netsh firewall add allowedprogram program=C:\MyApp\MyApp.exe name="My Application" mode=ENABLE scope=CUSTOM addresses=157.60.0.1,172.16.0.0/16,LocalSubnet profile=Domain</code>	<code>netsh advfirewall fir Application" dir=in a "C:\MyApp\MyApp.exe" remoteip=157.60.0.1,1 profile=domain</code>
<code>netsh firewall add allowedprogram program=C:\MyApp\MyApp.exe name="My Application" mode=ENABLE scope=CUSTOM addresses=157.60.0.1,172.16.0.0/16,LocalSubnet profile=ALL</code>	<div>Run the following comm</div> <div><code>netsh advfirewall fir Application" dir=in a "C:\MyApp\MyApp.exe" remoteip=157.60.0.1,1 profile=domain</code></div> <div><code>netsh advfirewall fir Application" dir=in a program="C:\MyApp\MyA remoteip=157.60.0.1,1 profile=private</code></div>

For more information about how to add firewall rules, run the following command:

```
netsh advfirewall firewall add rule ?
```

## Command example 2: Enable a port


 Expand table

Old command	New command
netsh firewall add portopening TCP 80 "Open Port 80"	netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name= "Open Port 80" dir=in action=allow protocol=TCP localport=80

For more information about how to add firewall rules, run the following command:

```
netsh advfirewall firewall add rule ?
```

## Command example 3: Delete enabled programs or ports

 Expand table

Old command	New command
netsh firewall delete allowedprogram C:\MyApp\MyApp.exe	netsh advfirewall firewall delete rule name= rule name program="C:\MyApp\MyApp.exe"
delete portopening protocol=UDP port=500	netsh advfirewall firewall delete rule name= rule name protocol=udp localport=500

For more information about how to delete firewall rules, run the following command:

```
netsh advfirewall firewall delete rule ?
```

## Command example 4: Configure ICMP settings


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Old command	New command
netsh firewall set icmpsetting 8	netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name="ICMP Allow incoming V4 echo request" protocol=icmpv4:8,any dir=in action=allow
netsh firewall set icmpsetting type=ALL mode=enable	netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name= "All ICMP V4" protocol=icmpv4:any,any dir=in action=allow
netsh firewall set icmpsetting 13 disable all	netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name="Block Type 13 ICMP V4" protocol=icmpv4:13,any dir=in action=block

For more information about how to configure ICMP settings, run the following command:

```
netsh advfirewall firewall add rule ?
```

## Command example 5: Set logging

 Expand table

Old command	New command
<pre>netsh firewall set logging %systemroot%\system32\LogFiles\Firewall\pfirewall.log 4096 ENABLE ENABLE</pre>	<p>Run the following commands:</p> <pre>netsh advfirewall firewall set logging %systemroot%\system32\LogFiles\Firewall\pfirewall.log 4096 ENABLE ENABLE maxfilesize 4096 netsh advfirewall firewall set logging droppedconnect netsh advfirewall firewall set logging allowedconnect</pre>


For more information, run the following command:

```
netsh advfirewall set currentprofile ?
```

If you want to set logging for a particular profile, use one of the following options instead of the `currentprofile` option:

- `Domainprofile`
- `Privateprofile`
- `Publicprofile`

## Command example 6: Enable Windows firewall

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Old command	New command
<pre>netsh firewall set opmode ENABLE</pre>	<pre>netsh advfirewall set currentprofile state on</pre>

<pre>netsh firewall set opmode mode=ENABLE exceptions=enable</pre>	<p>Run the following commands:</p> <pre>Netsh advfirewall set currentprofile state on netsh advfirewall set currentprofile firewallpolicy blockinboundalways,allowoutbound</pre>
<pre>netsh firewall set opmode mode=enable exceptions=disable profile=domain</pre>	<p>Run the following commands:</p> <pre>Netsh advfirewall set domainprofile state on netsh advfirewall set domainprofile firewallpolicy blockinbound,allowoutbound</pre>
<pre>netsh firewall set opmode mode=enable profile=ALL</pre>	<p>Run the following commands:</p> <pre>netsh advfirewall set domainprofile state on netsh advfirewall set privateprofile state on</pre>


For more information, run the following command:

```
netsh advfirewall set currentprofile ?
```

If you want to set the firewall state for a particular profile, use one of the following options instead of the `currentprofile` option:

- `Domainprofile`
- `Privateprofile`
- `Publicprofile`

# Command example 7: Restore policy defaults


 Expand table

Old command	New command
<code>netsh firewall reset</code>	<code>netsh advfirewall reset</code>

For more information, run the following command:

```
netsh advfirewall reset ?
```

# Command example 8: Enable specific services

 Expand table

Old command	New command
<code>netsh firewall set service FileAndPrint</code>	<code>netsh advfirewall firewall set rule group="File and Printer Sharing" new enable=Yes</code>
<code>netsh firewall set service RemoteDesktop enable</code>	<code>netsh advfirewall firewall set rule group="remote desktop" new enable=Yes</code>
<code>netsh firewall set service RemoteDesktop enable profile=ALL</code>	<div>Run the following commands:  <code>netsh advfirewall firewall set rule group="remote desktop" new enable=Yes profile=domain</code>  <code>netsh advfirewall firewall set rule group="remote desktop" new enable=Yes profile=private</code></div>

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