

Firewall Configuration using Windows PowerShell and Linux iptables

1. Windows PowerShell Commands

List all firewall rules

```
Get-NetFirewallRule | Format-Table -AutoSize
```

Show active rules with ports/protocols

```
Get-NetFirewallRule -Enabled True | Get-NetFirewallPortFilter | Format-Table -AutoSize
```

Block inbound TCP port 23 (Telnet)

```
New-NetFirewallRule -DisplayName "Block Telnet Inbound" -Direction Inbound -Protocol TCP -LocalPort 23 -Action Block
```

Test connectivity on port 23

```
Test-NetConnection -ComputerName localhost -Port 23
```

Allow inbound SSH (port 22)

```
New-NetFirewallRule -DisplayName "Allow SSH" -Direction Inbound -Protocol TCP -LocalPort 22 -Action Allow
```

Remove Telnet block rule

```
Remove-NetFirewallRule -DisplayName "Block Telnet Inbound"
```

Verify firewall rules again

```
Get-NetFirewallRule | Format-Table -AutoSize
```

2. Linux iptables Commands

List current iptables rules

```
sudo iptables -L -n -v
```

Block incoming TCP traffic on port 23 (Telnet)

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 23 -j REJECT
```

Test rule locally

```
nc -vz localhost 23
```

Test rule remotely

```
nc -vz <target-ip> 23
```

```
nmap -p 23 <target-ip>
```

Allow SSH (port 22)

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -j ACCEPT
```

Remove Telnet block rule

```
sudo iptables -D INPUT -p tcp --dport 23 -j REJECT
```

Reset all iptables rules (full flush)

```
sudo iptables -F
```

```
sudo iptables -X
```

```
sudo iptables -t nat -F
```

```
sudo iptables -t nat -X
```

```
sudo iptables -t mangle -F
```

```
sudo iptables -t mangle -X
```

```
sudo iptables -P INPUT ACCEPT
```

```
sudo iptables -P FORWARD ACCEPT
```

```
sudo iptables -P OUTPUT ACCEPT
```

```
# Verify all rules cleared
```

```
sudo iptables -L -n -v
```

```
# Apply safe default firewall rules
```

```
sudo iptables -P INPUT DROP
```

```
sudo iptables -P FORWARD DROP
```

```
sudo iptables -P OUTPUT ACCEPT
```

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -i lo -j ACCEPT
```

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -m conntrack --ctstate ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEPT
```

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -j ACCEPT
```

```
# Check active rules after applying secure baseline
```

```
sudo iptables -L -n -v
```