

EXPERIMENT NO. 9

Aim: Design of personal Firewall using Iptables

Theory:

All packets inspected by iptables pass through a sequence of built-in tables (queues) for processing. Each of these queues is dedicated to a particular type of packet activity and is controlled by an associated packet transformation/filtering chain.

1. Filter Table

Filter is default table for iptables.

Iptables's filter table has the following built-in chains.

- INPUT chain – Incoming to firewall. For packets coming to the local server.
- OUTPUT chain – Outgoing from firewall. For packets generated locally and going out of the local server.
- FORWARD chain – Packet for another NIC on the local server. For packets routed through the local server.

2. NAT Table

This table is consulted when a packet that creates a new connection is encountered.

Iptable's NAT table has the following built-in chains.

- PREROUTING chain – Alters packets before routing. i.e Packet translation happens immediately after the packet comes to the system (and before routing). This helps to translate the destination ip address of the packets to something that matches the routing on the local server. This is used for DNAT (destination NAT).
- POSTROUTING chain – Alters packets after routing. i.e Packet translation happens when the packets are leaving the system. This helps to translate the source ip address of the packets to something that might match the routing on the destination server. This is used for SNAT (source NAT).
- OUTPUT chain – NAT for locally generated packets on the firewall.

3. Mangle Table

Iptables's Mangle table is for specialized packet alteration. This alters QOS bits in the TCP header. Mangle table has the following built-in chains.

- PREROUTING chain
- OUTPUT chain
- FORWARD chain
- INPUT chain
- POSTROUTING chain

4. Raw Table

Iptable's Raw table is for configuration exemptions. Raw table has the following built-in chains.

- PREROUTING chain
- OUTPUT chain

5. Security Table

This table is used for Mandatory Access Control (MAC) networking rules, such as those enabled by the SECMARK and CONNSECMARK targets. Mandatory Access Control is implemented by Linux Security Modules such as SELinux. The security table is called after the filter table, allowing any Discretionary Access Control (DAC) rules in the filter table to take effect before MAC rules. This table provides the following built-in chains: INPUT (for packets coming into the box itself), OUTPUT (for altering locally-generated packets before routing), and FORWARD (for altering packets being routed through the box).

Chains

Tables consist of *chains*, Rules are combined into different chains. The kernel uses chains to manage packets it receives and sends out. A chain is simply a checklist of rules which are lists of rules which are followed in order. The rules operate with an if-then -else structure.

Input – This chain is used to control the behaviour for incoming connections. For example, if a user attempts to SSH into your PC/server, iptables will attempt to match the IP address and port to a rule in the input chain.

Forward – This chain is used for incoming connections that aren't actually being delivered locally. Think of a router – data is always being sent to it but rarely actually destined for the router itself; the data is just forwarded to its target.

Output – This chain is used for outgoing connections. For example, if you try to ping howtogeek.com, iptables will check its output chain to see what the rules are regarding ping and howtogeek.com before making a decision to allow or deny the connection attempt.

Targets:

ACCEPT: Allow packet to pass through the firewall.

DROP: Deny access by the packet.

REJECT: Deny access and notify the server.

QUEUE: Send packets to user space.

RETURN: jump to the end of the chain and let the default target process it

iptables command Switch	Description
-L	Listing of rules present in the chain
-n	Numeric output of addresses and ports
-v	Displays the rules in verbose mode
-t <-table->	If you don't specify a table, then the filter table is assumed. As discussed before, the possible built-in tables include: filter, nat, mangle
-j <target>	Jump to the specified target chain when the packet matches the current rule.
-A	Append rule to end of a chain
-F	Flush. Deletes all the rules in the selected table
-p <protocol-type>	Match protocol. Types include, icmp, tcp, udp, and all
-s <ip-address>	Match source IP address
-d <ip-address>	Match destination IP address
-i <interface-name>	Match "input" interface on which the packet enters.
-o <interface-name>	Match "output" interface on which the packet exits

Steps:-

1. Get root access: \$ sudo su root
2. # apt-get install iptables

Commands:-

1. To see the list of iptables rules

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# iptables -L
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. Initially it is empty

2. To block outgoing traffic to a particular destination for a specific protocol from a machine

Syntax: iptables -I OUTPUT -s <your ip> -d <neighbour ip> -p <protocol> -j <action>

Open one terminal and Ping the neighbour. Let the ping run.

#ping 192.168.208.6

Open another terminal and run the iptables command

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# iptables -I OUTPUT -s 192.168.208.18 -d 192.168.208.6 -p icmp -j DROP
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2. To allow outgoing traffic to a particular destination for a specific protocol from a machine

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# iptables -I OUTPUT -s 192.168.208.18 -d 192.168.208.6 -p icmp -j ACCEPT
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3. To block outgoing traffic to a particular destination for a specific protocol from a machine for sometime

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# iptables -I OUTPUT -s 192.168.208.18 -d 192.168.208.6 -p icmp -j REJECT
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Allow the traffic again by using ACCEPT instead of REJECT

4. To block incoming traffic from particular destination for a specific protocol to machine

Syntax: iptables -I INPUT -s <neighbour ip> -d <firewall ip> -p <protocol> -j <action>

Open one terminal and Ping the neighbour. Let the ping run.

#ping 192.168.208.6

Open another terminal and run the iptables command

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# iptables -I INPUT -s 192.168.208.6 -d 192.168.208.18 -p icmp -j DROP
```

5. To allow incoming traffic from particular destination for a specific protocol to machine

Syntax: iptables -I INPUT -s <neighbour ip> -d <firewall ip> -p <protocol> -j <action>

Open another terminal and run the iptables command

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# iptables -I INPUT -s 192.168.208.6 -d 192.168.208.18 -p icmp -j ACCEPT
```

Check the ping status on the other terminal

6. To clear the rules in iptables

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# iptables -F
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7. To block specific URL from machine

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# iptables -t filter -I OUTPUT -m string --string facebook.com -j REJECT --algo kmp
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It will block facebook.com by performing string matching. The algorithm used for string matching is KMP.

If we change target *from REJECT to ACCEPT*, the site can be visited again.

Observations:

1. In case of OUTPUT chain, for DROP and REJECT chain, at source machine we get two different messages.

For DROP – ‘Operation Not Permitted’. Here No acknowledgement is provided.

For REJECT – ‘Destination Port Unreachable’. Here acknowledgement is given.
2. In case of INPUT chain for DROP and REJECT chain at source machine we get two different responses as follows:

For DROP – No message. Here No acknowledgement is provided.

For REJECT – ‘Destination Port Unreachable’. Here acknowledgement is given.

Output:

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root@LAB704PC10: /home/student
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student@LAB704PC10:~$ su root
Password:
student@LAB704PC10:~$ sudo su root
[sudo] password for student:
root@LAB704PC10: /home/student# apt-get install iptables
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  libip4tc2 libip6tc2 libxtables12
Suggested packages:
  firewallld
The following packages will be upgraded:
  iptables libip4tc2 libip6tc2 libxtables12
4 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 273 not upgraded.
Need to get 527 kB of archives.
After this operation, 0 B of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue? [Y/n] y
Get:1 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 iptables amd64 1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2 [455 kB]
Get:2 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 libxtables12 amd64 1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2 [31.3 kB]
Get:3 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 libip6tc2 amd64 1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2 [20.3 kB]
Get:4 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 libip4tc2 amd64 1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2 [19.9 kB]
Fetched 527 kB in 2s (272 kB/s)
(Reading database ... 582512 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../iptables-1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2-amd64.deb ...
Unpacking iptables (1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2) over (1.8.7-1ubuntu5.1) ...
Preparing to unpack .../libxtables12-1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2-amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libxtables12:amd64 (1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2) over (1.8.7-1ubuntu5.1) ...
Preparing to unpack .../libip6tc2-1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2-amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libip6tc2:amd64 (1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2) over (1.8.7-1ubuntu5.1) ...
Preparing to unpack .../libip4tc2-1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2-amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libip4tc2:amd64 (1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2) over (1.8.7-1ubuntu5.1) ...
Setting up libip4tc2:amd64 (1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2) ...
Setting up libip6tc2:amd64 (1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2) ...
Setting up libxtables12:amd64 (1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2) ...
Setting up iptables (1.8.7-1ubuntu5.2) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.10.2-1) ...
Processing triggers for doc-base (0.11.1) ...
Processing 2 changed doc-base files...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.35-0ubuntu3.4) ...
root@LAB704PC10: /home/student# iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source               destination

Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source               destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source               destination
root@LAB704PC10: /home/student# ifconfig
enp1s0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST>  mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.0.177 netmask 255.255.255.0  broadcast 192.168.0.255
    inet6 fe80::3b0d:36e7:9ad3:26e prefixlen 64  scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether a4:ae:12:84:b4:26  txqueuelen 1000  (Ethernet)
    RX packets 868  bytes 604110 (604.1 KB)
    RX errors 0  dropped 6  overruns 0  frame 0
    TX packets 339  bytes 28900 (28.9 KB)
    TX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  carrier 0  collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING>  mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128  scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000  (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 146  bytes 13944 (13.9 KB)
    RX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  frame 0
    TX packets 146  bytes 13944 (13.9 KB)
    TX errors 0  dropped 0  overruns 0  carrier 0  collisions 0

root@LAB704PC10: /home/student#
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    inet6 fe80::3b0d:36e7:9ad3:26e prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether a4:ae:12:84:b4:26 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
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root@LAB704PC10:/home/student# ping 192.168.0.126
PING 192.168.0.126 (192.168.0.126) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=3.78 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=2.26 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=2.10 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=2.08 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=2.26 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=2.29 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=2.08 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=8 ttl=64 time=2.27 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=9 ttl=64 time=2.29 ms
^C
--- 192.168.0.126 ping statistics ---
9 packets transmitted, 9 received, 0% packet loss, time 8013ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 2.075/2.377/3.775/0.501 ms
root@LAB704PC10:/home/student# iptables -I OUTPUT -s 192.168.0.177 -d 192.168.0.126 -p icmp -j DROP
root@LAB704PC10:/home/student# iptables -I OUTPUT -s 192.168.0.177 -d 192.168.0.126 -p icmp -j ACCEPT
root@LAB704PC10:/home/student# iptables -I OUTPUT -s 192.168.0.177 -d 192.168.0.126 -p icmp -j REJECT
root@LAB704PC10:/home/student# iptables -I OUTPUT -s 192.168.0.177 -d 192.168.0.126 -p icmp -j DROP
root@LAB704PC10:/home/student# iptables -I OUTPUT -s 192.168.0.177 -d 192.168.0.126 -p icmp -j ACCEPT
root@LAB704PC10:/home/student#

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ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
From 192.168.0.177 icmp_seq=3 Destination Port Unreachable
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
From 192.168.0.177 icmp_seq=4 Destination Port Unreachable
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
From 192.168.0.177 icmp_seq=5 Destination Port Unreachable
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
From 192.168.0.177 icmp_seq=6 Destination Port Unreachable
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From 192.168.0.177 icmp_seq=7 Destination Port Unreachable
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From 192.168.0.177 icmp_seq=8 Destination Port Unreachable
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
From 192.168.0.177 icmp_seq=9 Destination Port Unreachable
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
From 192.168.0.177 icmp_seq=10 Destination Port Unreachable
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
From 192.168.0.177 icmp_seq=11 Destination Port Unreachable
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=19 ttl=64 time=2.11 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=20 ttl=64 time=2.07 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=21 ttl=64 time=2.11 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=22 ttl=64 time=2.09 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=23 ttl=64 time=1.97 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=24 ttl=64 time=2.10 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=25 ttl=64 time=1.26 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=26 ttl=64 time=1.89 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=27 ttl=64 time=2.28 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=28 ttl=64 time=2.09 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=29 ttl=64 time=1.93 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=30 ttl=64 time=2.27 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=31 ttl=64 time=1.89 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=32 ttl=64 time=2.11 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.0.126: icmp_seq=33 ttl=64 time=2.26 ms
From 192.168.0.177 icmp_seq=34 Destination Port Unreachable
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
From 192.168.0.177 icmp_seq=35 Destination Port Unreachable
ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted
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student@LAB704PC10: ~
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splint -help flags full
student@LAB704PC10:~$ splint -help flags memorybounds
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memorybounds (17 flags)
  out-of-bounds memory accesses

  nullterminated
    misuse of nullterminated allocation
    Categories: memorybounds, memory
    Mode Settings: ----
    Set locally
    A possibly non-nullterminated string/memory is used/referenced as a
    nullterminated one.

  bounds
    memory bounds checking (sets boundsread and boundswrite)
    Categories: memorybounds, memory
    Default Setting: -
    Set locally
    Memory read or write may be out of bounds of allocated storage.

  likelybounds
    memory bounds checking (sets likelyboundsread and likelyboundswrite)
    Categories: memorybounds, memory
    Default Setting: -
    Set locally
    Memory read or write may be out of bounds of allocated storage.

  likelyboundsread
    likely out of bounds read
    Categories: memorybounds, memory
    Mode Settings: ---+
    Set locally
    A memory read references memory beyond the allocated storage.

  likelyboundswrite
    likely buffer overflow from an out of bounds write
    Categories: memorybounds, memory
    Mode Settings: ---+
    Set locally
    A memory write may write to an address beyond the allocated buffer.

  boundsread
    possible out of bounds read
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  possible security vulnerability
specifications (17 flags)
  checks involving .lcl specifications
suppress (7 flags)
  local and global suppression of messages
typeequivalence (27 flags)
  control what types are equivalent
undefined (3 flags)
  code with undefined or implementation-defined behavior
unrecognized (4 flags)
  unrecognized identifiers
unconstrained (17 flags)
  checking in the presence of unconstrained functions
warnuse (10 flags)
  use of possibly problematic function
its4 (5 flags)
  its4 compatibility flags (report warnings for uses of possibly insecure
  functions)

To see the flags in a flag category, do
  splint -help flags <category>
To see a list of all flags in alphabetical order, do
  splint -help flags alpha
To see a full description of all flags, do
  splint -help flags full
student@LAB704PC10:~$ splint -help flags memorybounds
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memorybounds (17 flags)
  out-of-bounds memory accesses

  nullterminated
    misuse of nullterminated allocation
    Categories: memorybounds, memory
    Mode Settings: ----
    Set locally
    A possibly non-nullterminated string/memory is used/referenced as a
    nullterminated one.

  bounds
    memory bounds checking (sets boundsread and boundswrite)
```



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  an ensures clause.
impboundsconstraints
  generate implicit constraints for functions
  Categories: memorybounds, memory
  Default Setting: -
  Set locally
orconstraint
  use limited OR expressions to resolve constraints
  Categories: memorybounds, memory
  Default Setting: +
  Set locally
showconstraintparens
  display parentheses around constraint terms
  Categories: memorybounds, display
  Default Setting: -
  Set locally
boundscompacterrormessages
  Display fewer new lines in bounds checking error messages
  Categories: memorybounds, display
  Default Setting: -
  Set locally
showconstraintlocation
  display location for every constraint generated
  Categories: memorybounds, display
  Default Setting: +
  Set locally
allocismatch
  type conversion involves storage of non-divisible size
  Categories: memorybounds, memory
  Mode Settings: ---+
  Set locally
debugfcnconstraint
  debug function constraints
  Categories: debug, memorybounds
  Default Setting: -
  Set locally
  Perform buffer overflow checking even if the errors would be
  suppressed.
student@LAB704PC10:~$
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  redundantconstraints
  display seemingly redundant constraints
  Categories: memorybounds, display
  Default Setting: -
  Set locally
  Display seemingly redundant constraints
checkpost
  unable to verify predicate in ensures clause
  Categories: memorybounds, memory
  Mode Settings: ---+
  Set locally
  The function implementation may not satisfy a post condition given in
  an ensures clause.
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  display location for every constraint generated
  Categories: memorybounds, display
  Default Setting: +
  Set locally
allocismatch
  type conversion involves storage of non-divisible size
  Categories: memorybounds, memory
  Mode Settings: ---+
  Set locally
  The function implementation may not satisfy a post condition given in
  an ensures clause.
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