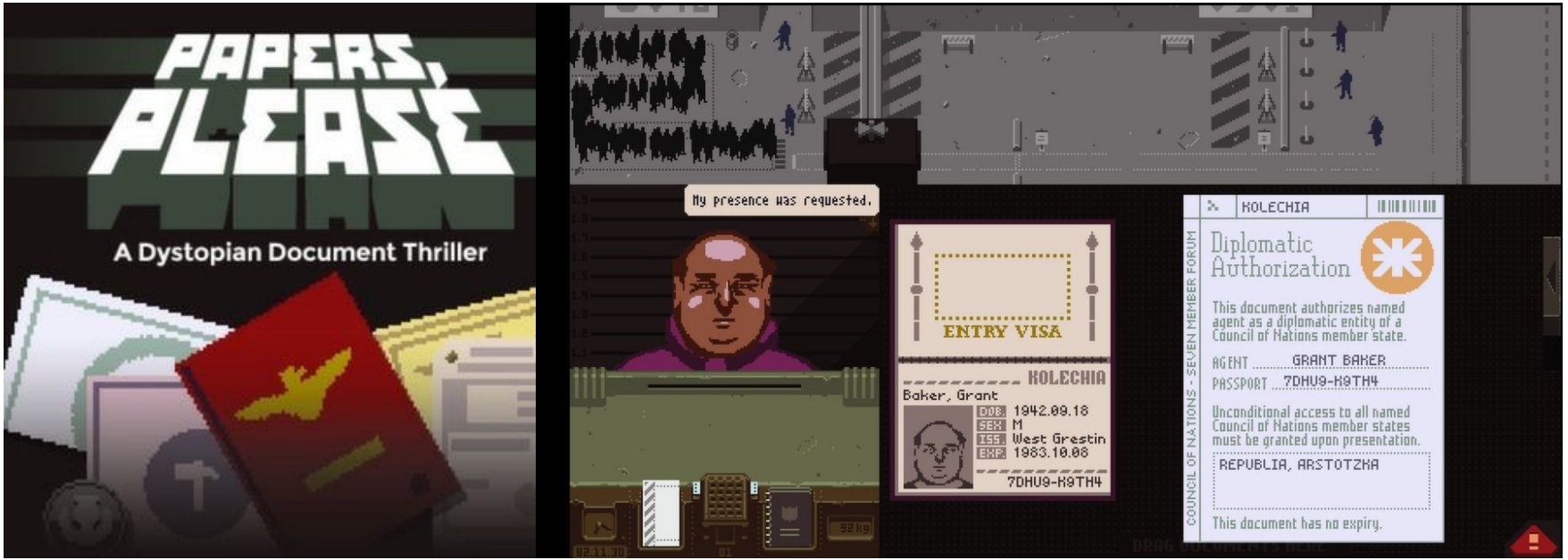
HACS 101

Week 6 - Firewall

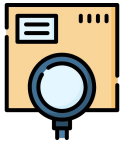
What People Think Firewalls Do

What Firewalls Really Do



What is a Firewall?

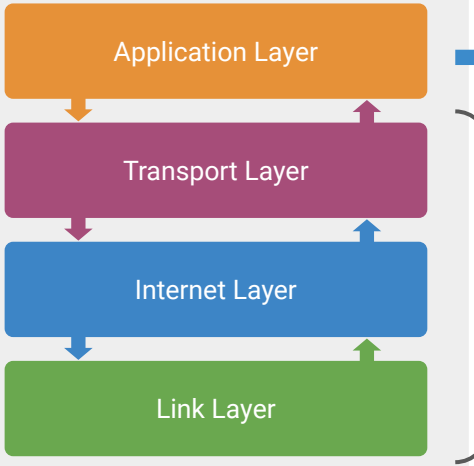
A system that



monitors incoming and outgoing network traffic

permits or blocks data packets based on predefined rules

Firewalls vs Intrusion Detection/Prevention Systems



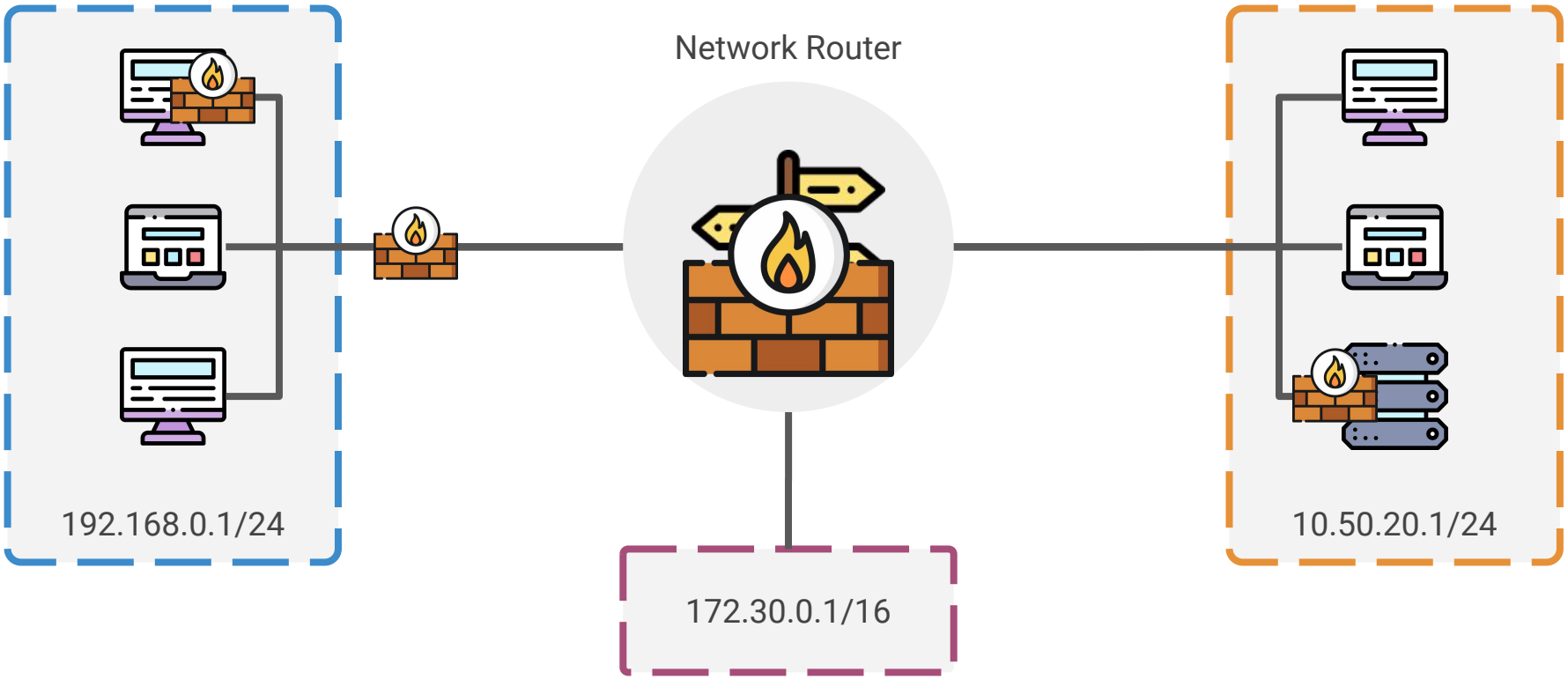
Typical firewalls will not inspect this layer

Typical firewalls operate on IP addresses and port numbers

They inspect a packet for IP & port and make a decision to allow or disallow based on the predefined rules

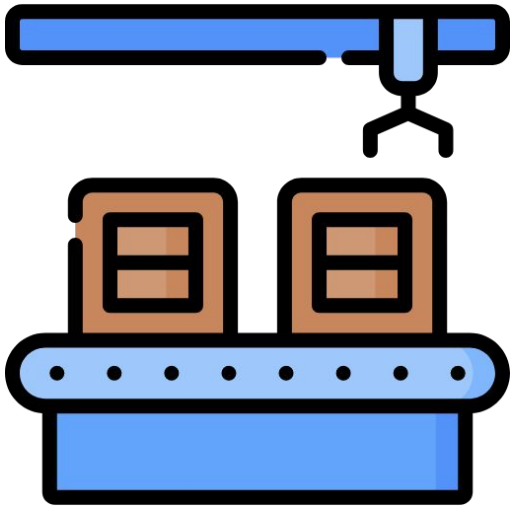
Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) and **Intrusion Prevention Systems** (IPS) can additionally operate on the application layer and conditionally evaluate packet data (but requires more processing power)

Where can Firewalls Live?



Typical Firewall Filtering Criteria

- Network Interface
- Network protocol (IP, TCP, UDP, etc)
- Traffic direction (inbound or outbound)
- Source or destination IP address
- Source or destination port number (TCP & UDP)
- Connection State (TCP)
- Data transfer rate



Each packet is individually inspected to see if any of the filtering criteria match any rules

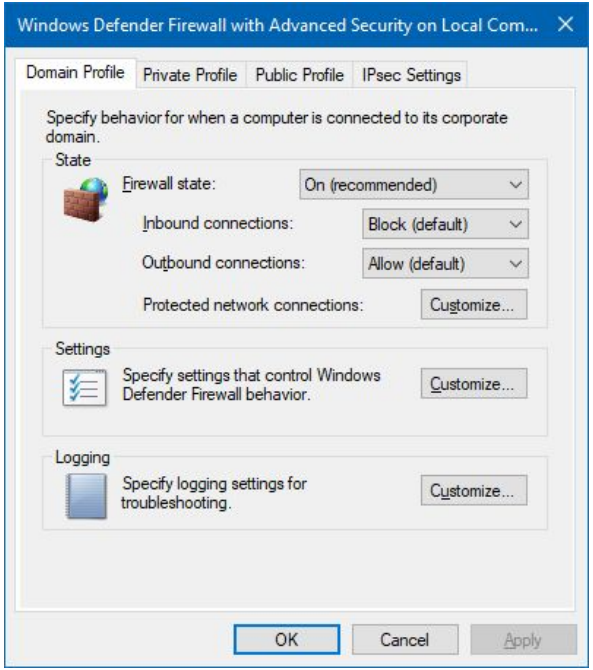
The Processing of a Packet

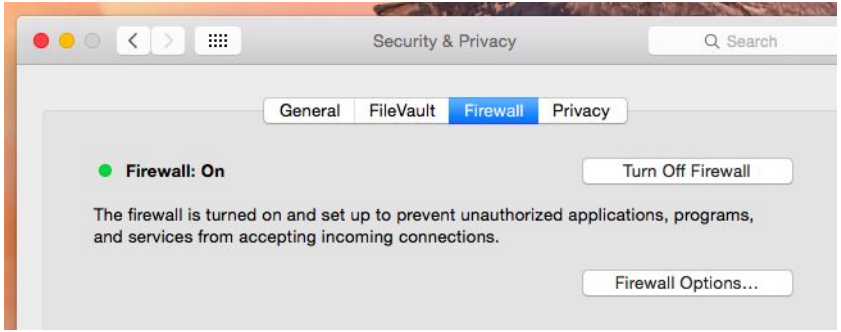
if packet matches a rule

- if ACCEPT, send packet to its destination
- if REJECT, stop the packet and inform sender via ICMP
- if DROP, stop the packet silently

else use default policy (ACCEPT, REJECT, DROP)

Firewalls





CLI > GUI

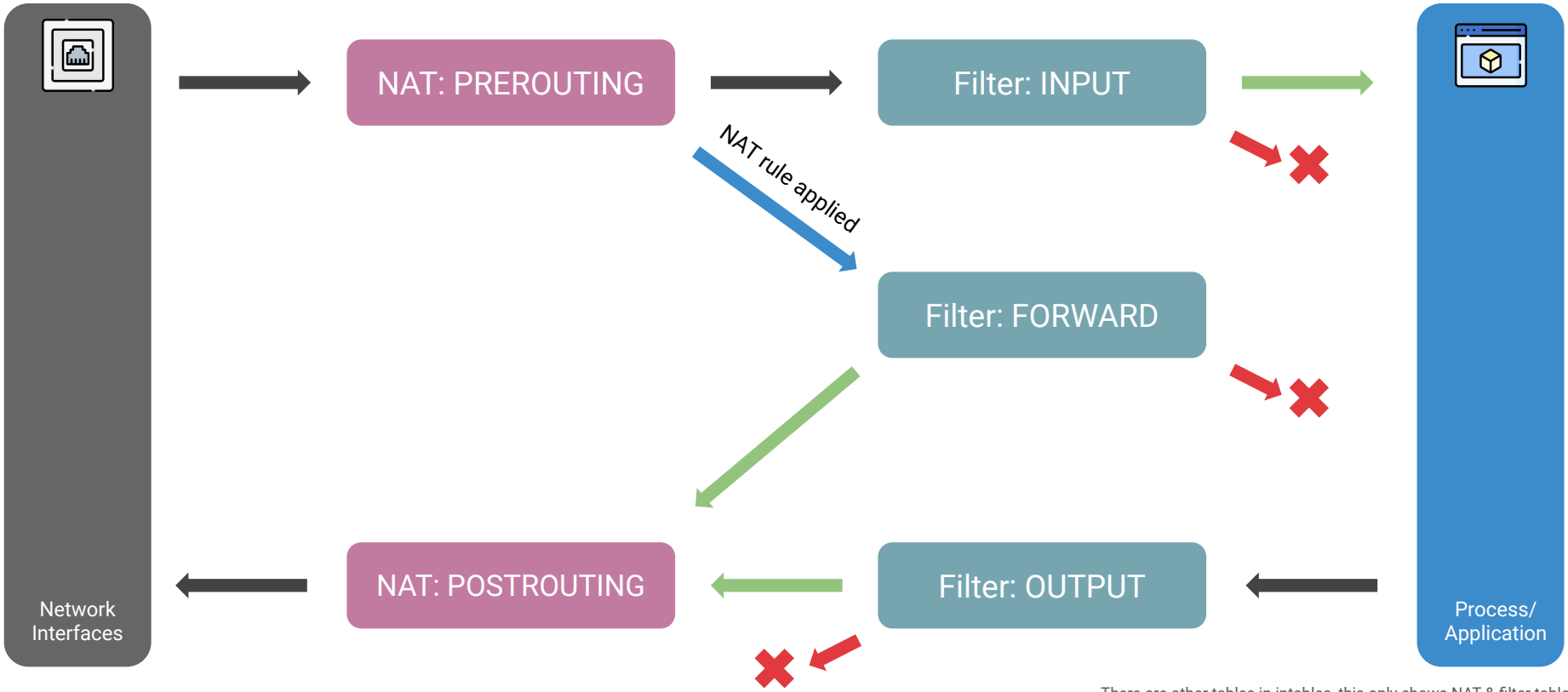
`iptables`

Didn’t we use `iptables` for NAT tables?

Yes, `iptables` control both the “NAT table” and the “filter table” - used to allow or disallow packets

(“filter table” is the default table, so you don’t have to specify the table in your `iptables` command)

`iptables` Chains - NAT & Filter Tables



There are other tables in iptables, this only shows NAT & filter tables

How are `iptables` Rules Evaluated?

#	Rule	Policy
1	Source IP: 128.8.1.123	DROP
2	Source Network: 128.8.0.0/16	ACCEPT
3	Any	DROP

Rules are evaluated based on precedence, from “top to bottom”

If a rule matches, the remaining rules are not evaluated

Source: 128.8.1.123

Source: 128.8.1.2

Source: 8.8.8.8

Using the `iptables` Command to Filter

```
iptables
  --insert <chain name>
  --source <ip or CIDR network>
  --destination <ip or CIDR network>
  --protocol <tcp, udp, etc>
  --source-port <port number>
  --destination-port <port number>
  --jump <ACCEPT, REJECT, DROP>
```

```
iptables --insert OUTPUT --source 10.3.0.2 --destination 10.3.0.1 --protocol
tcp --source-port 22 --destination-port 5000 --jump DROP
```

Drop all outbound TCP traffic from 10.3.0.2:22 to 10.3.0.1:5000

Insert vs Append

`iptables --insert`

Prepends the rule
i.e. add the rule as rule #1 and shift every other rule by one

`iptables --append`

Appends the rule
i.e. add the rule as rule #n+1 and all other rules remain the same

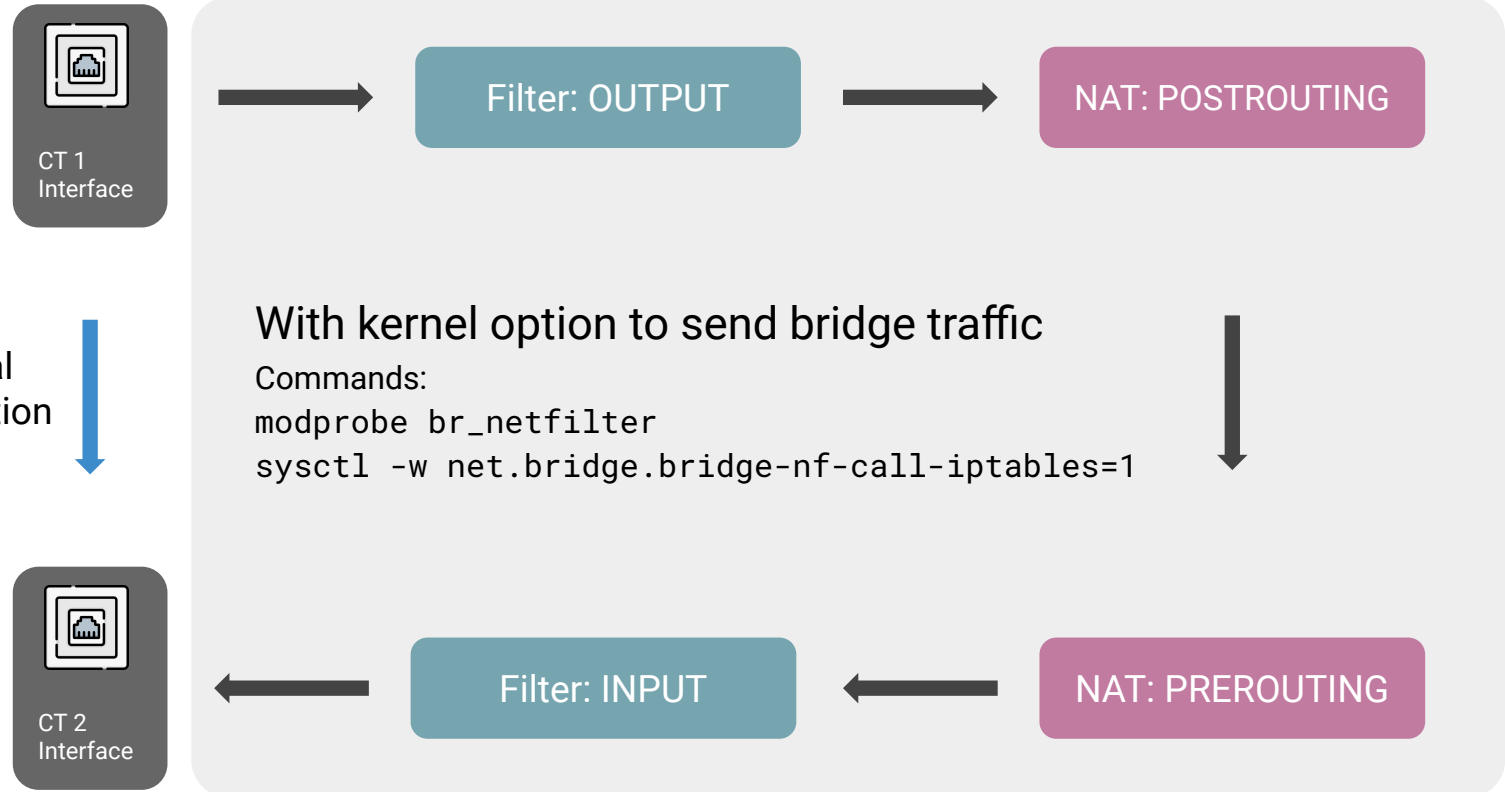
Persisting Firewall Rules

Iptables rules get reset on reboot
(which is great if you messed up and need a reset)

`iptables-save`
Outputs a file with a listing of your iptables rules

`iptables-restore`
Restores your iptables rules using the output listing from `iptables-save`

Packets Between Containers (Linux Bridges)



Visualizing Linux Bridges

These LAN ports act like bridges, data gets forwarded between each other without any *routing*

Reminders

Quiz 6

Due Friday **6:00pm**

Homework 6

Due Sunday 11:59pm