Lab Project - 9

Objective:

Linux environment management lab

DURATION: 4 - 5 Hourse

Pre-requisites

- 1. A Linux machine (Ubuntu, CentOS, Debian, or any other distribution).
- 2. Administrative privileges (root or sudo).
- 3. Basic knowledge of network services and firewall configuration.

Lab Task Steps

Part 1: Setup and Verify Networking Configuration

- 1. Check network interfaces:
 - o Run ip addr or ifconfig to identify your network interfaces. Typically, your interface may be eth0, ens33, enp0s3, etc.

vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~\$ ip addr 1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000 link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00

2. Verify connectivity:

- Make sure you can reach the internet and other machines in your local network:
 - ping 8.8.8.8 (Google DNS server)

```
vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ ping -c 4 8.8.8.8
PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=57 time=68.8 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=57 time=53.6 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=57 time=53.3 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=4 ttl=57 time=72.4 ms
--- 8.8.8.8 ping statistics ---
```

ping <your gateway ip>

```
Cisco Packet Tracer PC Command Line 1.0
C:\>ping 192.168.100.11

Pinging 192.168.100.11 with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 192.168.100.11: bytes=32 time=3ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.100.11: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.100.11: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.100.11: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Ping statistics for 192.168.100.11:

Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 3ms, Average = 1ms
```

ping <another machine in the network>

```
Cisco Packet Tracer PC Command Line 1.0
C:\>ping 192.168.100.11

Pinging 192.168.100.11 with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 192.168.100.11: bytes=32 time=3ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.100.11: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.100.11: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 192.168.100.11: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128

Ping statistics for 192.168.100.11:

Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:

Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 3ms, Average = 1ms
```

3.) Confirm that iptables is installed:

- Run iptables --version to ensure that iptables is installed. If not, install it:
 - sudo apt install iptables (on Ubuntu/Debian)

```
vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo apt install iptable
[sudo] password for vinu:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
E: Unable to locate package iptable
vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ __
```

sudo yum install iptables (on CentOS/RHEL)

Part 2: Configure a Basic Firewall

- 1. Set default policies:
 - By default, we want to deny all incoming traffic and allow outgoing traffic. This can be set as follows:

```
2. sudo iptables -P INPUT DROP # Block all incoming
    traffic
    root@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~# sudo iptables -P INPUT DROP
    root@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~#
```

3. sudo iptables -P FORWARD DROP # Block forwarding sudo iptables -P OUTPUT ACCEPT # Allow all outgoing traffic

```
root@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~# sudo iptables -P FORWARD DROP
root@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~# sudo iptables -P OUTPUT ACCEPT
```

2.) Allow established connections:

To maintain established connections (like active SSH sessions),
 you need to allow the related and established connections:

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

/inu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~\$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -m state --state ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEPT [sudo] password for vinu:

3.) Allow SSH access (port 22):

 You need to allow SSH traffic to connect remotely to the system. This is done by allowing inbound traffic on port 22:

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -j ACCEPT
vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -j ACCEPT
```

4.) Allow HTTP/HTTPS (ports 80, 443):

If your server will serve web pages, open HTTP and HTTPS ports:

```
1. sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -j ACCEPT #
Allow HTTP

vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -j ACCEPT

vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$

sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 443 -j ACCEPT #
Allow HTTPS

nu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 443 -j ACCEPT
```

5.) Allow ICMP (ping) requests:

You can allow ICMP traffic for ping functionality:

sudo iptables -A INPUT -p icmp --icmp-type echo-request -j
ACCEPT

vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~\$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p icmp --icmp-type echo-request -j ACCEPT

6.) Save your rules:

 To ensure the firewall rules persist after reboot, save the iptables rules:

```
sudo iptables-save > /etc/iptables/rules.v4 # For
Debian/Ubuntu
vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables-save > /etc/iptables/rules.v4
-bash: /etc/iptables/rules.v4: No such file or directory
    sudo service iptables save # For
    CentOS/RHEL
```

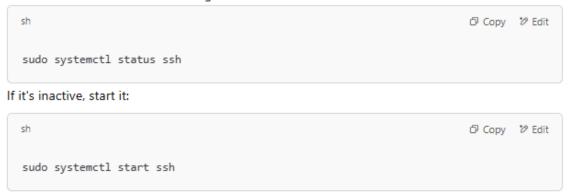
Part 3: Test Firewall Rules

1. Test SSH connection:

- From another machine, try to SSH into your Linux server. It should work if port 22 is open.
- o ssh user@<server-ip>

"Connection refused"

· Ensure SSH is installed and running on the server:



• "Permission denied (publickey, password)"

· Check if the correct SSH key is being used:



If using key authentication, make sure your ~/.ssh/authorized keys file contains the correct

2.) Test web server access (if applicable):

- If you allowed HTTP/HTTPS, try accessing the server from a browser:
 - http://<server-ip> for HTTP
 - https://<server-ip> for HTTPS (if SSL is configured)

2. Check Firewall Rules

• Ensure HTTP (port 80) and HTTPS (port 443) are open:

```
bash

Sudo ufw allow 80/tcp
sudo ufw allow 443/tcp
sudo ufw status
```

3. Verify Web Service Binding

Check if your server is listening on the correct ports:

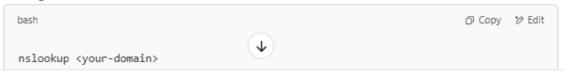
```
bash

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netstat -tulnp | grep -E "80|443"
```

4. Confirm DNS or IP Address

If using a domain, confirm DNS resolution:



Ask anything

5. Check SSL Configuration (if using HTTPS)

Test SSL with:

```
bash

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openssl s_client -connect <server-ip>:443
```

6. Try Accessing from a Browser

• Open http://<server-ip> or https://<server-ip> and check for errors.

3.)Test ping:

- From another machine, ping the server to ensure ICMP traffic is allowed.
 - ping <server-ip>

Part 4: Enhance Security (Optional)

1. Block all incoming traffic by default, but allow specific IP ranges:

 You can restrict access to the server to specific IP ranges, for example:

```
2. sudo iptables -A INPUT -s 192.168.1.0/24 -j ACCEPT # Allow local network
```

```
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -A INPUT -s 192.168.1.0/24 -j ACCEPT
root@rhel:~#
```

3. sudo iptables -A INPUT -s <trusted-ip> -j ACCEPT Allow a specific trusted IP

```
vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -s <trusted-ip> -j ACCEPT -bash: trusted-ip: No such file or directory vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$
```

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -j DROP
Block everything else
```

```
vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -j DROP
[sudo] password for vinu:
vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ _
```

2.)Log dropped packets:

You can enable logging to monitor dropped packets:

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -j LOG --log-prefix "Dropped Packet:

vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -j LOG --log-prefix "Dropped Packet: "
vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$
```

3.) Rate limiting (Optional):

 To prevent brute-force attacks on services like SSH, you can limit the number of connections:

Part 5: Monitor and Manage Firewall

- 1. View current firewall rules:
 - Check the current rules using:

```
sudo iptables -L
```

```
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source
                                        destination
          all -- 192.168.1.0/24
ACCEPT
                                        anywhere
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
          prot opt source
                                        destination
target
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
          prot opt source
                                        destination
target
root@rhel:~#
```

2.) Flush all rules (reset firewall):

 If you want to reset the firewall to its default state (deny all traffic):

```
sudo iptables -F
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -F
root@rhel:~#
```

3.) Delete a specific rule:

o If you need to delete a specific rule, use:

```
sudo iptables -D INPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -j ACCEPT
vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -D INPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -j ACCEPT
vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$
```

Lab Task: Configuring Port Blocking, IP Allowance, IP Range, and Protocol Allowance using iptables

Objective:

- Block/allow specific ports.
- Permit traffic from specific IP addresses.
- Allow traffic only from certain IP ranges.
- Allow/deny specific network protocols.

Prerequisites:

- 1. A Linux machine (Ubuntu, CentOS, or any distribution).
- 2. Administrative privileges (root or sudo).
- 3. Basic networking knowledge and the ability to use the terminal.

Steps for the Lab Task:

1. Verify Current Networking and Firewall Configuration

1. **Check IP addresses and network interfaces:** Run the following command to get a list of network interfaces and their IP addresses.

```
ip addr
root@rhel:~# ip addr
1: lo: <L00PBACK,UP,L0WER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
       valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
```

2.) Verify if iptables is installed: Check if iptables is available on your system.

```
iptables -version
root@rhel:~# iptables --version
iptables v1.8.10 (nf_tables)
```

3.)Check current iptables rules: List all existing rules in the firewall.

sudo iptables -L

```
iptables v1.8.10 (nf_tables)
root@rhel:~# sudo 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
```

2. Block Specific Ports

You can block incoming traffic on specific ports using iptables.

- 1. Block incoming traffic on port 80 (HTTP):
 - This will block all HTTP traffic from reaching your server.

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -j DROP
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -j DROP
```

2.) Block incoming traffic on port 443 (HTTPS):

This will block all HTTPS traffic.

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 443 -j DROP
inu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 443 -j ACCEPT
```

3.) Verify the changes:

List the rules to ensure that the ports are blocked.

```
sudo iptables -L
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source
                                       destination
ACCEPT
          all -- 192.168.1.0/24
                                       anywhere
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
         prot opt source
                                       destination
target
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target
          prot opt source
                                       destination
root@rhel:~#
```

4.) Test port blocking:

- From a different machine, try to access the blocked port using curl or a browser.
- You should not be able to reach the server on ports 80 or 443.
- 2. sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -j ACCEPT Allow HTTP

```
/inu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -j ACCEPT
```

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 443 -j ACCEPT
Allow HTTPS
```

inu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~\$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 443 -j ACCEPT

3. Allow Traffic from Specific IP Addresses

You can allow or deny traffic based on specific IP addresses.

1. Allow SSH (port 22) only from a specific IP address (e.g., 192.168.1.100):

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s 192.168.1.100 --dport 22 -
j ACCEPT
```

```
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s 192.168.1.100 --dport 22 -j ACCEPT root@rhel:~#
```

4.) Block SSH access from all other IP addresses:

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

```
vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -j DROP vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$
```

5.)Verify the changes:

List the rules again to confirm the changes.

```
sudo iptables -L
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
          prot opt source
                                        destination
target
ACCEPT
          all -- 192.168.1.0/24
                                        anywhere
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
          prot opt source
                                        destination
target
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
                                        destination
target
          prot opt source
root@rhel:~#
```

Test the configuration:

- Try to SSH into the server from 192.168.1.100 it should work.
- Try from any other IP it should be blocked.

```
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s 192.168.1.100 --dport 22 -j ACCEPT
root@rhel:~#
root@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~# sudo iptables -P INPUT DROP
root@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~#
```

4. Allow Traffic from a Specific IP Range

You can also allow traffic from a specific range of IPs. For example, if you want to allow access to your server from a range of IP addresses within the 192.168.1.0/24 subnet:

1. Allow traffic from the IP range 192.168.1.0/24:

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s 192.168.1.0/24 --dport 22
-j ACCEPT
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s 192.168.1.0/24 --dport 22 -j ACCEPT
root@rhel:~#
```

2.) Block traffic from all other IP ranges:

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -j DROP
/inu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -j DROP
/inu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$
```

3.) Verify the rules:

```
sudo iptables -L
```

```
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target
         prot opt source
                                       destination
DROP
          tcp -- anywhere
                                       anywhere
                                                           tcp dpt:http
ACCEPT
         tcp -- 192.168.1.100
                                                           tcp dpt:ssh
                                       anywhere
          tcp -- 192.168.1.0/24
ACCEPT
                                                           tcp dpt:ssh
                                       anywhere
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target
          prot opt source
                                       destination
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
                                       destination
target
          prot opt source
root@rhel:~#
```

4.) Test the configuration:

 Try accessing the server from an IP within the 192.168.1.0/24 range — it should work.

```
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -A INPUT -s 192.168.1.0/24 -j ACCEPT
root@rhel:~#
```

Try accessing from an outside range — it should be blocked.

```
/inu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -j DROP
/inu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$
```

5. Allow Specific Protocols (TCP, UDP, ICMP)

You can allow or block specific network protocols (e.g., TCP, UDP, ICMP).

1. Allow all incoming ICMP (Ping) requests:

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p icmp --icmp-type echo-request -j
ACCEPT
```

vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~\$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p icmp --icmp-type echo-request -j ACCEPT vinu@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~\$ _

2.Allow incoming UDP traffic on port 53 (DNS):

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p udp --dport 53 -j ACCEPT
```

```
ESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p udp --dport 53 -j ACCEPT
ESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ _
```

3.) Allow incoming TCP traffic on port 22 (SSH):

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

```
TOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 22 -j ACCEPT
TOP-5K616C3:~$ _____
```

4.) Block UDP traffic:

Block all UDP traffic.

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p udp -j DROP
DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p udp -j DROP
DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$
```

5.)Verify the changes: List the rules again to ensure all protocols and ports are configured as needed.

```
sudo iptables -L
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -L
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target
          prot opt source
                                        destination
          all -- 192.168.1.0/24
ACCEPT
                                        anywhere
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
          prot opt source
                                        destination
target
Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
           prot opt source
                                        destination
target
root@rhel:~#
```

6.)Test the configurations:

Test ICMP by pinging the server.

```
TU@DESKTOP-5K616C3:~$ ping google.com

NG google.com (142.251.42.14) 56(84) bytes of data.

bytes from bom12s19-in-f14.1e100.net (142.251.42.14): icmp_seq=1 ttl=50 time=61.9 ms

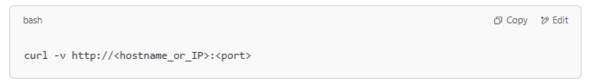
bytes from bom12s19-in-f14.1e100.net (142.251.42.14): icmp_seq=2 ttl=50 time=73.9 ms

bytes from bom12s19-in-f14.1e100.net (142.251.42.14): icmp_seq=3 ttl=50 time=75.1 ms

bytes from bom12s19-in-f14.1e100.net (142.251.42.14): icmp_seq=4 ttl=50 time=73.9 ms
```

 Test UDP and TCP services using tools like nc, ping, or curl to ensure proper functionality.

Using Curl



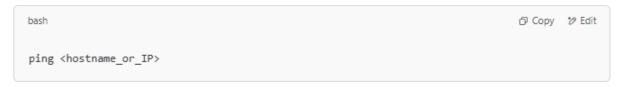
• Example:



This tests if an HTTP service is running on port 80.

Using Ping

For basic reachability, use:



Example:



However, ping only tests ICMP and not TCP/UDP service availability.

6. Allow Specific IP and Port Combinations

You can also allow specific combinations of IP and port.

1. Allow traffic from 192.168.1.100 to port 22 (SSH):

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s 192.168.1.100 --dport 22 - j ACCEPT
```

```
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s 192.168.1.100 --dport 22 -j ACCEPT root@rhel:~#
```

2.Allow traffic from 192.168.1.0/24 **to port 80 (HTTP):**

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp -s 192.168.1.0/24 --dport 80
-j ACCEPT
root@rhel:~# sudo iptables -A INPUT -s 192.168.1.0/24 -j ACCEPT
root@rhel:~#
```

3.) Block all other IP addresses from accessing port 80:

```
sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -j DROP

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SKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --dport 80 -j DROP

SKTOP-5K616C3:~$ __
```

7. Save and Make iptables Rules Persistent

Once you have configured your firewall rules, make them persistent across reboots.

1. **On Debian/Ubuntu:** Save the rules to a file to persist them across reboots.

```
sudo iptables-save > /etc/iptables/rules.v4
2-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables-save > /etc/iptables/rules.v4
5/rules.v4: No such file or directory
3:~$ _
```

2.)On CentOS/RHEL:

```
sudo service iptables save
For Ubuntu/Debian-based systems:
```

```
bash

sudo iptables-save | sudo tee /etc/iptables/rules.v4

If using nftables (modern alternative to iptables ):

bash

sudo nft list ruleset > /etc/nftables.conf
sudo systemctl restart nftables
```

8. Flush All Rules and Reset Firewall

If you want to reset the firewall to a clean state, you can flush all existing rules.

1. Flush all iptables rules:

```
sudo iptables -F
-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -F
-5K616C3:~$ _
```

2. Verify that all rules are removed:

```
SKTOP-5K616C3:~$ sudo iptables -L
INPUT (policy DROP)
    prot opt source destination

ORWARD (policy DROP)
    prot opt source destination

UTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
    prot opt source destination
```