FireHOL Manual

Firewalling with FireHOL

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Latest version

The latest version of this document will always be available here. There are PDF and HTML versions.

1.2 Who should read this manual

This manual is aimed at those who wish to create and maintain firewalls with FireHOL.

There is a lack of basic and tutorial information in this manual currently. For help getting started and to learn the configuration language, see the FireHOL website.

1.3 Where to get help

The FireHOL website.

The mailing lists and archives.

The package comes with a complete set of manpages, a README and a brief INSTALL guide.

Chapter 2

FireHOL Reference

2.1 FireHOL program: firehol

Name

firehol — an easy to use but powerful iptables stateful firewall

Synopsis

```
firehol
sudo -E firehol panic [IP]
firehol command [ -- conf-arg... ]
firehol CONFIGFILE [start | debug | try] [ -- conf-arg... ]
```

Description

Running firehol invokes iptables(8) to manipulate your firewall.

Run without any arguments, firehol will present some help on usage.

When given *CONFIGFILE*, firehol will use the named file instead of /etc/firehol/firehol. conf as its configuration. If no command is given, firehol assumes try.

It is possible to pass arguments for use by the configuration file separating any conf-arg values from the rest of the arguments with --. The arguments are accessible in the configuration using standard **bash(1)** syntax e.g. \$1, \$2, etc.

Panic

To block all communication, invoke firehol with the panic command.

FireHOL removes all rules from the running firewall and then DROPs all traffic on all iptables tables (mangle, nat, filter) and pre-defined chains (PREROUTING, INPUT, FORWARD, OUTPUT, POSTROUT-ING).

DROPing is not done by changing the default policy to DROP, but by adding one rule per table/chain to drop all traffic. This allows systems which do not reset all the chains to ACCEPT when starting to function correctly.

When activating panic mode, FireHOL checks for the existence of the SSH_CLIENT shell environment variable, which is set by **ssh**. If it finds this, then panic mode will allow the established SSH connection specified in this variable to operate.

Note

In order for FireHOL to see the environment variable you must ensure that it is preserved. For **sudo** use the -E and for **su** omit the – (minus sign).

If SSH_CLIENT is not set, the IP after the panic argument allows you to give an IP address for which all established connections between the IP address and the host in panic will be allowed to continue.

Commands

start, restart

Activates the firewall configuration from /etc/firehol/firehol.conf.

Use of the term restart is allowed for compatibility with common init implementations.

try Activates the firewall, waiting for the user to type the word **commit**. If this word is not typed within 30 seconds, the previous firewall is restored.

stop

Stops a running iptables firewall by clearing all of the tables and chains and setting the default policies to ACCEPT. This will allow all traffic to pass unchecked.

condrestart

Restarts the FireHOL firewall only if it is already active. This is the generally expected behaviour (but opposite to FireHOL and FireHOL prior to 1.0.3, 1.1.4).

status

Shows the running firewall, using /sbin/iptables -nxvL | less.

save

Start the firewall and then save it using /sbin/iptables-save to /etc/sysconfig/iptables.

The required kernel modules are saved to an executable shell script /var/spool/firehol/ last_save_modules.sh, which can be called during boot if a firewall is to be restored.

Note

External changes may cause a firewall restored after a reboot to not work as intended where starting the firewall with FireHOL will work.

This is because as part of starting a firewall, FireHOL checks some changeable values. For instance the current kernel configuration is checked (for client port ranges), and RPC servers are queried (to allow correct functioning of the NFS service).

debug

Parses the configuration file but instead of activating it, FireHOL shows the generated iptables statements.

explain

Enters an interactive mode where FireHOL accepts normal configuration commands and presents the generated iptables commands for each of them, together with some reasoning for its purpose.

Additionally, FireHOL automatically generates a configuration script based on the successful commands given.

Some extra commands are available in explain mode.

Special commands in explain mode

help

Present some help

show

Present the generated configuration

quit

Exit interactive mode and quit

helpme, wizard

Tries to guess the FireHOL configuration needed for the current machine.

FireHOL will not stop or alter the running firewall. The configuration file is given in the standard output of **firehol**, thus **firehol** helpme > /tmp/firehol.conf will produce the output in /tmp/firehol.conf.

The generated FireHOL configuration *must* be edited before use on your systems. You are required to take a number of decisions; the comments in the generated file will instruct you in the choices you must make.

Files

/etc/firehol/firehol.conf

See Also

FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) control variables: firehol-variables(5) FireHOL Manual: firehol-manual.pdf FireHOL Online Documentation

Name

2.2

firehol.conf — FireHOL configuration file

Description

/etc/firehol/firehol.conf is the default configuration file for FireHOL program: firehol(1). It defines the stateful firewall that will be produced.

A configuration file starts with an optional version indicator which looks like this:

version 5

See version config helper: firehol-version(5) for full details.

A configuration file contains one or more interface definitions, which look like this:

```
interface eth0 lan
  client all accept # This host can access any remote service
  server ssh accept # Remote hosts can access SSH on local server
  # ...
```

The above definition has name "lan" and specifies a network interface (eth0). A definition may contain zero or more subcommands. See interface definition: firehol-interface(5) for full details.

A configuration file contains zero or more **router** definitions, which look like this:

```
DMZ_IF=eth0
WAN_IF=eth1
router wan2dmz inface ${WAN_IF} outface ${DMZ_IF}
route http accept # Hosts on WAN may access HTTP on hosts in DMZ
server ssh accept # Hosts on WAN may access SSH on hosts in DMZ
client pop3 accept # Hosts in DMZ may access POP3 on hosts on WAN
# ...
```

The above definition has name "wan2dmz" and specifies incoming and outgoing network interfaces (eth1 and eth0) using variables. A definition may contain zero or more subcommands. Note that a router is not required to specify network interfaces to operate on. See router definition: firehol-router(5) for full details.

It is simple to add extra service definitions which can then be used in the same way as those provided as standard. See the section called "Adding Services".

The configuration file is parsed as a **bash(1)** script, allowing you to set up and use variables, flow control and external commands.

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Special control variables: firehol-variables(5) may be set up and used outside of any definition as can the functions in the section called "Configuration Helper Commands" and the section called "Helper Commands".

Variables Available

The following variables are made available in the FireHOL configuration file and can be accessed as \${VARIABLE}.

UNROUTABLE_IPS

This variable includes the IPs from both PRIVATE_IPS and RESERVED_IPS. It is useful to restrict traffic on interfaces and routers accepting Internet traffic, for example:

interface eth0 internet src not "\${UNROUTABLE_IPS}"

PRIVATE_IPS

This variable includes all the IP addresses defined as Private or Test by RFC 3330.

You can override the default values by creating a file called /etc/firehol/PRIVATE_IPS.

RESERVED_IPS

This variable includes all the IP addresses defined by IANA as reserved.

You can override the default values by creating a file called /etc/firehol/RESERVED_IPS.

Now that IPv4 address space has all been allocated there is very little reason that this value will need to change in future.

MULTICAST_IPS

This variable includes all the IP addresses defined as Multicast by RFC 3330.

You can override the default values by creating a file called /etc/firehol/MULTICAST_IPS.

Adding Services

To define new services you add the appropriate lines before using them later in the configuration file.

The following are required:

```
server_myservice_ports="proto/sports"
client_myservice_ports="cports"
```

proto is anything **iptables(8)** accepts e.g. "tcp", "udp", "icmp", including numeric protocol values.

sports is the ports the server is listening at. It is a space-separated list of port numbers, names and ranges (from:to). The keyword any will match any server port.

cports is the ports the client may use to initiate a connection. It is a space-separated list of port numbers, names and ranges (from:to). The keyword any will match any client port. The keyword default will match default client ports. For the local machine (e.g. a **client** within an **interface**) it resolves to **sysctl** variable net.ipv4.ip_local_port_range (or /proc/sys/net/ipv4/ip_local_port_ range). For a remote machine (e.g. a **client** within an **interface** or anything in a **router**) it resolves to the variable DEFAULT_CLIENT_PORTS (see control variables: firehol-variables(5)).

The following are optional:

```
require_myservice_modules="modules"
require_myservice_nat_modules="nat-modules"
```

The named kernel modules will be loaded when the definition is used. The NAT modules will only be loaded if FIREHOL_NAT is non-zero (see control variables: firehol-variables(5)).

For example, for a service named daftnet that listens at two ports, port 1234 TCP and 1234 UDP where the expected client ports are the default random ports a system may choose, plus the same port numbers the server listens at, with further dynamic ports requiring kernel modules to be loaded:

```
version 5
server_daftnet_ports="tcp/1234 udp/1234"
client_daftnet_ports="default 1234"
require_daftnet_modules="ip_conntrack_daftnet"
require_daftnet_nat_modules="ip_nat_daftnet"
interface eth0 lan0
    server daftnet accept
interface eth1 lan1
    client daftnet reject
router lan2lan inface eth0 outface eth1
    route daftnet accept
```

Where multiple ports are provides (as per the example), FireHOL simply determines all of the combinations of client and server ports and generates multiple iptables statements to match them.

To create more complex rules, or stateless rules, you will need to create a bash function prefixed rules_ e.g. rules_myservice. The best reference is the many such functions in the main **firehol** executable.

When adding a service which uses modules, or via a custom function, you may also wish to include the following:

ALL_SHOULD_ALSO_RUN="\${ALL_SHOULD_ALSO_RUN} myservice"

which will ensure your service is set-up correctly as part of the **all** service.

Note

To allow definitions to be shared you can instead create files and install them in the /etc/firehol/ services directory with a .conf extension. The first line must read:

FHVER 1:213

1 is the service definition API version. It will be changed if the API is ever modified. The 213 originally referred to a FireHOL 1.x minor version but is no longer checked. FireHOL will refuse to run if the API version does not match the expected one.

Definitions

interface definition: firehol-interface(5) router definition: firehol-router(5)

Subcommands

policy command: firehol-policy(5) protection command: firehol-protection(5) server, route commands: firehol-server(5) client command: firehol-client(5) group command: firehol-group(5)

Helper Commands

These helpers can be used in interface and router definitions as well as before them.

iptables helper: firehol-iptables(5) masquerade helper: firehol-masquerade(5)

This helper can be used in **router** definitions as well as before any **router** or **interface**.

tcpmss helper: firehol-tcpmss(5)

Configuration Helper Commands

These helpers should only be used outside of **interface** and **router** definitions (i.e. before the first interface is defined).

version config helper: firehol-version(5) action config helper: firehol-action(5) blacklist config helper: firehol-blacklist(5) classify config helper: firehol-classify(5) connmark config helper: firehol-connmark(5) dscp config helper: firehol-dscp(5) mac config helper: firehol-mac(5) mark config helper: firehol-mark(5) nat, snat, dnat, redirect config helpers: firehol-nat(5) transparent_proxy, transparent_squid helpers: firehol-transparent_proxy(5) tos config helper: firehol-tos(5)

tosfix config helper: firehol-tosfix(5)

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) control variables: firehol-variables(5) services list: firehol-services(5) actions for rules: firehol-actions(5) FireHOL Manual: firehol-manual.pdf FireHOL Online Documentation

2.3 control variables: firehol-variables

Name

firehol-variables — Variables controlling FireHOL

Description

There are a number of variables that control the behaviour of FireHOL.

All variables may be set in the main FireHOL configuration file /etc/firehol/firehol.conf.

Variables which affect the runtime but not the created firewall may also be set as environment variables before running **firehol**. These can change the default values but will be overwritten by values set in the configuration file. If a variable can be set by an environment variable it is specified below.

FireHOL also sets some variables before processing the configuration file which you can use as part of your configuration. These are described in FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5).

Variables

DEFAULT_INTERFACE_POLICY

This variable controls the default action to be taken on traffic not matched by any rule within an interface. It can be overridden using policy command: firehol-policy(5).

Packets that reach the end of an interface without an action of return or accept are logged. You can control the frequency of this logging by altering FIREHOL_LOG_FREQUENCY.

Default:

```
DEFAULT_INTERFACE_POLICY="DROP"
```

Example:

DEFAULT_INTERFACE_POLICY="REJECT"

DEFAULT_ROUTER_POLICY

This variable controls the default action to be taken on traffic not matched by any rule within a router. It can be overridden using policy command: firehol-policy(5).

Packets that reach the end of a router without an action of return or accept are logged. You can control the frequency of this logging by altering FIREHOL_LOG_FREQUENCY.

Default:

DEFAULT_ROUTER_POLICY="RETURN"

Example:

DEFAULT_ROUTER_POLICY="REJECT"

UNMATCHED_INPUT_POLICY, UNMATCHED_OUTPUT_POLICY, UNMATCHED_FORWARD_POLICY These variables control the default action to be taken on traffic not matched by any interface or router definition that was incoming, outgoing or for forwarding respectively. Any supported value from actions for rules: firehol-actions(5) may be set.

All packets that reach the end of a chain are logged, regardless of these settings. You can control the frequency of this logging by altering FIREHOL_LOG_FREQUENCY.

Defaults:

UNMATCHED_INPUT_POLICY="DROP" UNMATCHED_OUTPUT_POLICY="DROP" UNMATCHED_FORWARD_POLICY="DROP"

Example:

```
UNMATCHED_INPUT_POLICY="REJECT"
UNMATCHED_OUTPUT_POLICY="REJECT"
UNMATCHED_FORWARD_POLICY="REJECT"
```

FIREHOL_INPUT_ACTIVATION_POLICY, FIREHOL_OUTPUT_ACTIVATION_POLICY, FIREH OL_FORWARD_ACTIVATION_POLICY

These variables control the default action to be taken on traffic during firewall activation for incoming, outgoing and forwarding respectively. Acceptable values are ACCEPT, DROP and REJECT. They may be set as environment variables.

FireHOL defaults all values to ACCEPT so that your communications continue to work uninterrupted.

If you wish to prevent connections whilst the new firewall is activating, set these values to DROP. This is important to do if you are using all or any to match traffic; connections established during activation will continue even if they would not be allowed once the firewall is established.

Defaults:

```
UNMATCHED_INPUT_POLICY="ACCEPT"
UNMATCHED_OUTPUT_POLICY="ACCEPT"
UNMATCHED_FORWARD_POLICY="ACCEPT"
```

Example:

```
FIREHOL_INPUT_ACTIVATION_POLICY="DROP"
FIREHOL_OUTPUT_ACTIVATION_POLICY="DROP"
FIREHOL_FORWARD_ACTIVATION_POLICY="DROP"
```

FIREHOL_LOG_MODE

This variable controls method that FireHOL uses for logging.

Acceptable values are LOG (normal syslog) and ULOG (netfilter ulogd). When ULOG is selected, FIREHOL_LOG_LEVEL is ignored.

Default:

FIREHOL_LOG_MODE="LOG"

Example:

FIREHOL_LOG_MODE="ULOG"

To see the available options run: /sbin/iptables -j LOG --help or /sbin/iptables -j ULOG --help

FIREHOL_LOG_LEVEL

This variable controls the level at which events will be logged to syslog.

To avoid packet logs appearing on your console you should ensure klogd only logs traffic that is more important than that produced by FireHOL.

Use the following option to choose an iptables log level (alpha or numeric) which is higher than the -c of klogd.

iptables	klogd	description
emerg (0)	0	system is unusable
alert (1)	1	action must be taken immediately
crit (2)	2	critical conditions
error (3)	3	error conditions
warning (4)	4	warning conditions
notice (5)	5	normal but significant condition
info (6)	6	informational
debug (7)	7	debug-level messages

Table 2.1: iptables/klogd levels

Note

The default for klogd is generally to log everything (7 and lower) and the default level for iptables is to log as warnings (4).

FIREHOL_LOG_OPTIONS

This variable controls the way in which events will be logged to syslog.

Default:

FIREHOL_LOG_OPTIONS="--log-level warning"

Example:

To see the available options run: /sbin/iptables -j LOG --help

FIREHOL_LOG_FREQUENCY, FIREHOL_LOG_BURST

These variables control the frequency that each logging rule will write events to syslog. FIRE HOL_LOG_FREQUENCY is set to the maximum average frequency and FIREHOL_LOG_BURST specifies the maximum initial number.

Default:

```
FIREHOL_LOG_FREQUENCY="1/second"
FIREHOL_LOG_BURST="5"
```

Example:

```
FIREHOL_LOG_FREQUENCY="30/minute"
FIREHOL_LOG_BURST="2"
```

To see the available options run: /sbin/iptables -m limit --help

FIREHOL_LOG_PREFIX

This value is added to the contents of each logged line for easy detection of FireHOL lines in the system logs. By default it is empty.

Default:

FIREHOL_LOG_PREFIX=""

Example:

```
FIREHOL_LOG_PREFIX="FIREHOL:"
```

FIREHOL_DROP_INVALID

If set to 1, this variable causes FireHOL to drop all packets matched as INVALID in the **iptables(8)** connection tracker.

Note

You can use protection command: firehol-protection(5) to control matching of INVALID packets and others on per-interface and per-router basis.

Default:

FIREHOL_DROP_INVALID="0"

Example:

FIREHOL_DROP_INVALID="1"

DEFAULT_CLIENT_PORTS

This variable controls the port range that is used when a remote client is specified. For clients on the local host, FireHOL finds the exact client ports by querying the kernel options.

Default:

```
DEFAULT_CLIENT_PORTS="1000:65535"
```

Example:

DEFAULT_CLIENT_PORTS="0:65535"

FIREHOL_NAT

If set to 1, this variable causes FireHOL to load the NAT kernel modules. If you make use of the NAT helper commands, the variable will be set to 1 automatically. It may be set as an environment variable.

Default:

FIREHOL_NAT="0"

Example:

FIREHOL_NAT="1"

FIREHOL_ROUTING

If set to 1, this variable causes FireHOL to enable routing in the kernel. If you make use of **router** definitions or certain helper commands the variable will be set to 1 automatically. It may be set as an environment variable.

Default:

FIREHOL_ROUTING="0"

Example:

FIREHOL_ROUTING="1"

FIREHOL_AUTOSAVE

This variable specifies the file of (IPv4) rules that will be created when FireHOL program: firehol(1) is called with the save argument. It may be set as an environment variable.

If the variable is not set, a system-specific value is used which was defined at configure-time. If no value was chosen then the save fails.

Default:

FIREHOL_AUTOSAVE=""

Example:

FIREHOL_AUTOSAVE="/tmp/firehol-saved-ipv4.txt"

FIREHOL_LOAD_KERNEL_MODULES

If set to 0, this variable forces FireHOL to not load any kernel modules. It is needed only if the kernel has modules statically included and in the rare event that FireHOL cannot access the kernel configuration. It may be set as an environment variable.

Default:

```
FIREHOL_LOAD_KERNEL_MODULES="1"
```

Example:

FIREHOL_LOAD_KERNEL_MODULES="0"

FIREHOL_TRUST_LOOPBACK

If set to 0, the loopback device "lo" will not be trusted and you can write standard firewall rules for it.



) Warning

If you do not set up appropriate rules, local processes will not be able to communicate with each other which can result in serious breakages.

By default "lo" is trusted and all INPUT and OUTPUT traffic is accepted (forwarding is not included).

Default:

FIREHOL_TRUST_LOOPBACK="1"

Example:

FIREHOL_TRUST_LOOPBACK="0"

FIREHOL_DROP_ORPHAN_TCP_ACK_FIN

If set to 1, FireHOL will drop all TCP connections with ACK FIN set without logging them.

In busy environments the iptables connection tracker removes connection tracking list entries as soon as it receives a FIN. This makes the ACK FIN appear as an invalid packet which will normally be logged by FireHOL.

Default:

FIREHOL_DROP_ORPHAN_TCP_ACK_FIN="0"

Example:

FIREHOL_DROP_ORPHAN_TCP_ACK_FIN="1"

See also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) nat, snat, dnat, redirect config helpers: firehol-nat(5) administration tool for IPv4 firewalls: iptables(8)

2.4 interface definition: firehol-interface

Name

firehol-interface — create an interface definition

Synopsis

interface real-interface name [rule-params]

Description

An interface definition creates a firewall for protecting the host on which the firewall is running.

The default policy is DROP, so that if no subcommands are given, the firewall will just drop all incoming and outgoing traffic using this interface.

The behaviour of the defined interface is controlled by adding subcommands (listed in the section called "See Also").

Note

Forwarded traffic is never matched by the **interface** rules, even if it was originally destined for the firewall but was redirected using NAT. Any traffic to be passed through the firewall for whatever reason must be in a **router** (see router definition: firehol-router(5)).

Parameters

real-interface

This is the interface name as shown by **ip link show**. Generally anything **iptables** accepts is valid.

The + (plus sign) after some text will match all interfaces that start with this text.

Multiple interfaces may be specified by enclosing them within quotes, delimited by spaces for example:

interface "eth0 eth1 ppp0" myname

name

This is a name for this interface. You should use short names (10 characters maximum) without spaces or other symbols.

A name should be unique for all FireHOL interface and router definitions.

rule-params

The set of rule parameters to further restrict the traffic that is matched to this interface.

See optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5) for information on the parameters that can be used. Some examples:

interface eth0 intranet src 192.0.2.0/24

interface eth0 internet src not "\${UNROUTABLE_IPS}"

See FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) for an explanation of \${UNROUTABLE_IPS}.

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) router definition: firehol-router(5) policy command: firehol-policy(5) protection command: firehol-protection(5) client command: firehol-client(5) server, route commands: firehol-server(5) group command: firehol-group(5) iptables helper: firehol-iptables(5) masquerade helper: firehol-masquerade(5)

2.5 router definition: firehol-router

Name

firehol-router — create a router definition

Synopsis

router name [rule-params]

Description

A router definition consists of a set of rules for traffic passing through the host running the firewall.

The default policy for router definitions is RETURN, meaning packets are not dropped by any particular router. Packets not matched by any router are dropped at the end of the firewall.

The behaviour of the defined router is controlled by adding subcommands (listed in the section called "See Also").

Parameters

name

This is a name for this router. You should use short names (10 characters maximum) without spaces or other symbols.

A name should be unique for all FireHOL interface and router definitions.

rule-params

The set of rule parameters to further restrict the traffic that is matched to this router.

See optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5) for information on the parameters that can be used. Some examples:

router mylan inface ppp+ outface eth0 src not \${UNROUTABLE_IPS}

router myrouter

See FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) for an explanation of \${UNROUTABLE_IPS}.

Working with routers

Routers create stateful iptables rules which match traffic in both directions.

To match some client or server traffic, the input/output interface or source/destination of the request must be specified. All inface/outface and src/dst optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5) can be given on the router statement (in which case they will be applied to all subcommands for the router) or just within the subcommands of the router.

For example, to define a router which matches requests from any PPP interface and destined for eth0, and on this allowing HTTP servers (on eth0) to be accessed by clients (from PPP) and SMTP clients (from eth0) to access any servers (on PPP):

```
router mylan inface ppp+ outface eth0
server http accept
client smtp accept
```

Note

The client subcommand reverses any optional rule parameters passed to the **router**, in this case the inface and outface.

Equivalently, to define a router which matches all forwarded traffic and within the the router allow HTTP servers on eth0 to be accessible to PPP and any SMTP servers on PPP to be accessible from eth0:

```
router mylan
server http accept inface ppp+ outface eth0
server smtp accept inface eth0 outface ppp
```

Note

In this instance two server subcommands are used since there are no parameters on the router to reverse. Avoid the use of the client subcommand in routers unless the inputs and outputs are defined as part of the router.

Any number of routers can be defined and the traffic they match can overlap. Since the default policy is RETURN, any traffic that is not matched by any rules in one will proceed to the next, in order, until none are left.

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) interface definition: firehol-interface(5) policy command: firehol-policy(5) protection command: firehol-protection(5) client command: firehol-client(5) server, route commands: firehol-server(5) group command: firehol-group(5) iptables helper: firehol-iptables(5) masquerade helper: firehol-masquerade(5) tcpmss helper: firehol-tcpmss(5)

2.6 policy command: firehol-policy

Name

firehol-policy - set default action for a definition

Synopsis

policy action

Description

The **policy** subcommand defines the default policy for an interface or router.

The action can be any of the actions listed in actions for rules: firehol-actions(5).

Note

Change the default policy of a router only if you understand clearly what will be matched by the router statement whose policy is being changed.

It is common to define overlapping router definitions. Changing the policy to anything other than the default return may cause strange results for your configuration.



Warning

Do not set a policy to accept unless you fully trust all hosts that can reach the interface. FireHOL CANNOT create valid "accept by default" firewalls. See this FireHOL bug report for some more information and history.

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) interface definition: firehol-interface(5) actions for rules: firehol-actions(5)

2.7 protection command: firehol-protection

Name

firehol-protection - add extra protections to a definition

Synopsis

protection [reverse] flood-protection-type [requests/period [burst]]

protection [reverse] strong [requests/period [burst]]

protection [reverse] bad-packets | packet-protection-type

Description

The protection subcommand sets protection rules on an interface or router.

Flood protections honour the options requests/period and burst. They are used to limit the rate of certain types of traffic.

The default rate FireHOL uses is 100 operations per second with a burst of 50. Run **iptables** -m **limit** --help for more information.

The protection type strong will switch on all protections (both packet and flood protections) except all-floods. It has aliases full and all.

The protection type bad-packets will switch on all packet protections but not flood protections.

You can specify multiple protection types by using multiple **protection** commands or in a single command by enclosing the types in quotes.

Note

On a router, protections are normally set up on *inface*. The reverse option will set up the protections on *outface*. You must use it as the first keyword.

Packet protection types

invalid

Drops all incoming invalid packets, as detected INVALID by the connection tracker.

See also FIREHOL_DROP_INVALID in control variables: firehol-variables(5) which allows setting this function globally.

fragments

Drops all packet fragments.

This rule will probably never match anything since **iptables(8)** reconstructs all packets automatically before the firewall rules are processed whenever connection tracking is running.

new-tcp-w/o-syn

Drops all TCP packets that initiate a socket but have not got the SYN flag set.

malformed-xmas

Drops all TCP packets that have all TCP flags set.

malformed-null

Drops all TCP packets that have all TCP flags unset.

malformed-bad

Drops all TCP packets that have illegal combinations of TCP flags set.

Flood protection types

icmp-floods [requests/period [burst]]

Allows only a certain amount of ICMP echo requests.

syn-floods [requests/period [burst]]

Allows only a certain amount of new TCP connections.

Be careful to not set the rate too low as the rule is applied to all connections regardless of their final result (rejected, dropped, established, etc).

all-floods [requests/period [burst]]

Allows only a certain amount of new connections.

Be careful to not set the rate too low as the rule is applied to all connections regardless of their final result (rejected, dropped, established, etc).

Examples

protection strong

```
protection "invalid new-tcp-w/o-syn"
```

```
protection syn-floods 90/sec 40
```

Bugs

When using multiple types in a single command, if the quotes are forgotten, incorrect rules will be generated without warning.

When using multiple types in a single command, FireHOL will silently ignore any types that come after a group type (bad-packets, strong and its aliases). Only use group types on their own line.

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) interface definition: firehol-interface(5) router definition: firehol-router(5)

2.8 server, route commands: firehol-server

Name

firehol-server, firehol-route - accept requests to a service

Synopsis

server service action [rule-params]

route service action [rule-params]

Description

The server subcommand defines a server of a service on an interface or router. Any rule-params given to a parent interface or router are inherited by the server.

For FireHOL a server is the destination of a request. Even though this is more complex for some multisocket services, to FireHOL a server always accepts requests.

The route subcommand is an alias for server which may only be used in routers.

The *service* parameter is one of the supported service names from services list: firehol-services(5). Multiple services may be specified, space delimited in quotes.

The action can be any of the actions listed in actions for rules: firehol-actions(5).

The *rule-params* define a set of rule parameters to further restrict the traffic that is matched to this service. See optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5) for more details.

Examples

```
server smtp accept
server "smtp pop3" accept
server smtp accept src 192.0.2.1
server smtp accept log "mail packet" src 192.0.2.1
```

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) interface definition: firehol-interface(5) router definition: firehol-router(5) services list: firehol-services(5) actions for rules: firehol-actions(5) optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)

2.9 client command: firehol-client

Name

firehol-client — accept replies from a service

Synopsis

client service action [rule-params]

Description

The **client** subcommand defines a client of a service on an interface or router. Any rule-params given to a parent interface or router are inherited by the client, but are reversed.

For FireHOL a client is the source of a request. Even though this is more complex for some multi-socket services, to FireHOL a client always initiates the connection.

The *service* parameter is one of the supported service names from services list: firehol-services(5). Multiple services may be specified, space delimited in quotes.

The action can be any of the actions listed in actions for rules: firehol-actions(5).

The *rule-params* define a set of rule parameters to further restrict the traffic that is matched to this service. See optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5) for more details.

Examples

```
client smtp accept
client "smtp pop3" accept
client smtp accept src 192.0.2.1
client smtp accept log "mail packet" src 192.0.2.1
```

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) interface definition: firehol-interface(5) router definition: firehol-router(5) services list: firehol-services(5) actions for rules: firehol-actions(5) optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)

2.10 group command: firehol-group

Name

firehol-group — group commands with common options

Synopsis

```
group with [rule-params]
group end
```

Description

The group command allows you to group together multiple client and server commands.

Grouping commands with common options (see optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)) allows the option values to be checked only once in the generated firewall rather than once per service, making it more efficient.

Nested groups may be used.

Examples

This:

```
interface any world
  client all accept
  server http accept
  # Provide these services to trusted hosts only
  server "ssh telnet" accept src "192.0.2.1 192.0.2.2"
```

can be replaced to produce a more efficient firewall by this:

```
interface any world
  client all accept
  server http accept
  # Provide these services to trusted hosts only
  group with src "192.0.2.1 192.0.2.2"
     server ssh telnet
     server ssh accept
  group end
```

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) interface definition: firehol-interface(5) router definition: firehol-router(5) optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)

2.11 version config helper: firehol-version

Name

firehol-version — set version number of configuration file

Synopsis

version 5

Description

The version helper command states the configuration file version.

If the value passed is newer than the running version of FireHOL supports, FireHOL will not run.

You do not have to specify a version number for a configuration file, but by doing so you will prevent FireHOL trying to process a file which it cannot handle.

The value that FireHOL expects is increased every time that the configuration file format changes.

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5)

2.12 action config helper: firehol-action

Name

firehol-action - set up custom filter actions

Synopsis

action chain name action

Description

The **action** helper command creates an iptables chain which can be used to control the action of other firewall rules once the firewall is running.

For example, you can setup the custom action ACT1, which by default is ACCEPT, but can be dynamically changed to DROP, REJECT or RETURN (and back) without restarting the firewall.

The *name* can be any chain name accepted by iptables. You should try to keep it within 5 and 10 characters.

Note

The names created with this command are case-sensitive.

The *action* can be any of those supported by FireHOL (see actions for rules: firehol-actions(5)). Only ACCEPT, REJECT, DROP, RETURN have any meaning in this instance.

Examples

To create a custom chain and have some rules use it:

```
action chain ACT1 accept
interface any world
server smtp ACT1
client smtp ACT1
```

Once the firewall is running you can dynamically modify the behaviour of the chain from the Linux command-line, as detailed below:

To insert a DROP action at the start of the chain to override the default action (ACCEPT):

iptables -t filter -I ACT1 -j DROP

To delete the DROP action from the start of the chain to return to the default action:

iptables -t filter -D ACT1 -j DROP

Note

If you delete all of the rules in the chain, the default will be to RETURN, in which case the behaviour will be as if any rules with the action were not present in the configuration file.

You can also create multiple chains simultaneously. To create 3 ACCEPT and 3 DROP chains you can do the following:

action chain "ACT1 ACT2 ACT3" accept action chain "ACT4 ACT5 ACT6" drop

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) actions for rules: firehol-actions(5) administration tool for IPv4 firewalls: iptables(8)

2.13 blacklist config helper: firehol-blacklist

Name

firehol-blacklist — set up a unidirectional or bidirectional blacklist

Synopsis

blacklist [full | all] ip...

blacklist input | them | him | her | it | this | these ip...

Description

The **blacklist** helper command creates a blacklist for the *ip* list given (which can be in quotes or not).

If the type full or one of its aliases is supplied, or no type is given, a bidirectional stateless blacklist will be generated. The firewall will REJECT all traffic going to the IP addresses and DROP all traffic coming from them.

If the type input or one of its aliases is supplied, a unidirectional stateful blacklist will be generated. Connections can be initiated to such IP addresses, but the IP addresses will not be able to connect to the firewall or hosts protected by it.

Any blacklists will affect all router and interface definitions. They must be declared before the first router or interface.

Examples

```
blacklist full 192.0.2.1 192.0.2.2
blacklist input "192.0.2.3 192.0.2.4"
```

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5)

2.14 classify config helper: firehol-classify

Name

firehol-classify — classify traffic for traffic shapping tools

Synopsis

```
classify class [rule-params]
```

Description

The **classify** helper command puts matching traffic into the specified traffic shaping class.

The *class* is a class as used by **iptables** and **tc** (e.g. MAJOR:MINOR).

The *rule-params* define a set of rule parameters to match the traffic that is to be classified. See optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5) for more details.

Any **classify** commands will affect all traffic matched. They must be declared before the first router or interface.

Examples

```
# Put all smtp traffic leaving via eth1 in class 1:1
classify 1:1 outface eth1 proto tcp dport 25
```

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) administration tool for IPv4 firewalls: iptables(8) show / manipulate traffic control settings: tc(8) Linux Advanced Routing & Traffic Control HOWTO

2.15 connmark config helper: firehol-connmark

Name

firehol-connmark - set a stateful mark on a connection

Synopsis

connmark value | save | restore chain [rule-params]

Description

The connmark helper command sets a mark on a whole connection. It applies to both directions.

Note

To set a mark on packets matching particular rules, regardless of any connection, see mark config helper: firehol-mark(5).

The *value* is the mark value to set (a 32 bit integer). If you specify save then the mark on the matched packet will be turned into a connmark. If you specify restore then the matched packet will have its mark set to the current connmark.

The *chain* will be used to find traffic to mark. It can be any of the **iptables** built in chains belonging to the mangle table. The chain names are: INPUT, FORWARD, OUTPUT, PREROUTING and POSTROUTING. The names are case-sensitive.

The *rule-params* define a set of rule parameters to match the traffic that is to be marked within the chosen chain. See optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5) for more details.

Any **commark** commands will affect all traffic matched. They must be declared before the first router or interface.

Examples

Consider a scenario with 3 ethernet ports, where eth0 is on the local LAN, eth1 connects to ISP 'A' and eth2 to ISP 'B'. To ensure traffic leaves via the same ISP as it arrives from you can mark the traffic:

```
# mark connections when they arrive from the ISPs
connmark 1 PREROUTING inface eth1
connmark 2 PREROUTING inface eth2
```

restore the mark (from the connmark) when packets arrive from the LAN connmark restore OUTPUT connmark restore PREROUTING inface eth0

It is then possible to use the commands from iproute2 such as **ip**, to pick the correct routing table based on the mark on the packets.

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) mark config helper: firehol-mark(5) administration tool for IPv4 firewalls: iptables(8) show / manipulate routing, devices, policy routing and tunnels: ip(8) Linux Advanced Routing & Traffic Control HOWTO

2.16 dscp config helper: firehol-dscp

Name

firehol-dscp - set the DSCP field in the packet header

Synopsis

dscp value | class classid chain [rule-params]

Description

The dscp helper command sets the DSCP field in the header of packets traffic, to allow QoS shaping.

Note

There is also a **dscp** parameter which allows matching DSCP values within individual rules (see optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)).

Set value to a decimal or hexadecimal (0xnn) number to set an explicit DSCP value or use class classid to use an iptables DiffServ class, such as EF, BE, CSxx or AFxx (see **iptables** -j DSCP --help for more information).

The *chain* will be used to find traffic to mark. It can be any of the **iptables** built in chains belonging to the mangle table. The chain names are: INPUT, FORWARD, OUTPUT, PREROUTING and POSTROUTING. The names are case-sensitive.

The *rule-params* define a set of rule parameters to match the traffic that is to be marked within the chosen chain. See optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5) for more details.

Any **dscp** commands will affect all traffic matched. They must be declared before the first router or interface.

Examples

```
# set DSCP field to 32, packets sent by the local machine
dscp 32 OUTPUT
# set DSCP field to 32 (hex 20), packets routed by the local machine
dscp 0x20 FORWARD
```

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set DSCP to DiffServ class EF, packets routed by the local machine
and destined for port TCP/25 of 198.51.100.1
dscp class EF FORWARD proto tcp dport 25 dst 198.51.100.1

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) administration tool for IPv4 firewalls: iptables(8) show / manipulate routing, devices, policy routing and tunnels: ip(8) Linux Advanced Routing & Traffic Control HOWTO optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)

2.17 mac config helper: firehol-mac

Name

firehol-mac - ensure source IP and source MAC address match

Synopsis

mac IP macaddr

Description

Any **mac** commands will affect all traffic destined for the firewall host, or to be forwarded by the host. They must be declared before the first router or interface.

Note

There is also a **mac** parameter which allows matching MAC addresses within individual rules (see optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)).

The mac helper command DROPs traffic from any *IP* address that was not sent using the *macaddr* specified.

When packets are dropped, a log is produced with the label "MAC MISSMATCH" (sic.). **mac** obeys the default log limits (see the section called "Logging" in optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)).

Note

This command restricts an IP to a particular MAC address. The same MAC address is permitted send traffic with a different IP.

Examples

```
mac 192.0.2.1 00:01:01:00:00:e6
mac 198.51.100.1 00:01:01:02:aa:e8
```

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)

2.18 mark config helper: firehol-mark

Name

firehol-mark — mark traffic for traffic shaping tools

Synopsis

mark value chain [rule-params]

Description

The **mark** helper command sets a mark on packets that can be matched by traffic shaping tools for controlling the traffic.

Note

To set a mark on whole connections, see connmark config helper: firehol-connmark(5). There is also a **mark** parameter which allows matching marks within individual rules (see optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)).

The value is the mark value to set (a 32 bit integer).

The *chain* will be used to find traffic to mark. It can be any of the **iptables** built in chains belonging to the mangle table. The chain names are: INPUT, FORWARD, OUTPUT, PREROUTING and POSTROUTING. The names are case-sensitive.

The *rule-params* define a set of rule parameters to match the traffic that is to be marked within the chosen chain. See optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5) for more details.

Any **mark** commands will affect all traffic matched. They must be declared before the first router or interface.

Note

If you want to do policy based routing based on iptables marks, you will need to disable the Root Path Filtering on the interfaces involved (rp_filter in sysctl).

Examples

mark with 1, packets sent by the local machine
mark 1 OUTPUT
mark with 2, packets routed by the local machine
mark 2 FORWARD
mark with 3, packets routed by the local machine, sent from
192.0.2.2 destined for port TCP/25 of 198.51.100.1
mark 3 FORWARD proto tcp dport 25 dst 198.51.100.1 src 192.0.2.2

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) connmark config helper: firehol-connmark(5) administration tool for IPv4 firewalls: iptables(8) show / manipulate routing, devices, policy routing and tunnels: ip(8) Linux Advanced Routing & Traffic Control HOWTO optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)

2.19 nat, snat, dnat, redirect config helpers: firehol-nat

Name

firehol-nat, firehol-snat, firehol-dnat, firehol-redirect - set up NAT and port redirections

Synopsis

snat [to] target [rule-params]
dnat [to] target [rule-params]
redirect [to] portrange [rule-params]
nat to-source | to-destination | redirect-to target [rule-params]
nat redirect-to portrange [rule-params]

Description

Note

The *rule-params* are used only to determine the traffic that will be matched for NAT in these commands.

snat

The **snat** helper sets up a Source NAT rule for routed traffic by calling **nat to-source**. For example:

snat to 192.0.2.1 outface eth0 src 198.51.100.1 dst 203.0.113.1

dnat

The **dnat** helper sets up a Destination NAT rule for routed traffic by calling **nat to-destination**. For example:

dnat to 192.0.2.1 outface eth0 src 198.51.100.1 dst 203.0.113.1

redirect

The **redirect** helper redirects matching traffic to *portrange* on the local host by calling **nat redirect-to**. For example:

redirect-to 8080 inface eth0 src 198.51.100.0/24 proto tcp dport 80

nat

The **nat** helper takes one of the following sub-commands:

to-source target

Defines a Source NAT (created in table NAT, chain POSTROUTING).

target is the source address to be set in packets matching rule-params.

If no rules are given, all forwarded traffic will be matched. inface should not be used in SNAT since the information is not available at the time the decision is made.

target accepts any --to-source values that **iptables(8)** accepts. Run **iptables** -j **SNAT** --help to for more information. Multiple *targets* may be specified by separating with spaces and enclosing with quotes.

to-destination *target*

Defines a Destination NAT (created in table NAT, chain POSTROUTING).

target is the destination address to be set in packets matching rule-params.

If no rules are given, all forwarded traffic will be matched. outface should not be used in DNAT since the information is not available at the time the decision is made.

target accepts any --to-destination values that **iptables**(8) accepts. Run **iptables** -j **DNAT** --help to for more information. Multiple *targets* may be specified by separating with spaces and enclosing with quotes.

redirect-to portrange

Redirect matching traffic to the local machine (created in table NAT, chain PREROUTING).

portrange is the port range (from-to) or single port that packets matching *rule-params* will be redirected to.

If no rules are given, all forwarded traffic will be matched. outface should not be used in REDIRECT since the information is not available at the time the decision is made.

Examples

```
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```

```
# Send to 192.0.2.1
# - all traffic arriving at or passing through the firewall
nat to-destination 192.0.2.1
# Send to 192.0.2.1
  - all traffic arriving at or passing through the firewall
#
#
  - which WAS going to 203.0.113.1
nat to-destination 192.0.2.1 dst 203.0.113.1
# Send to 192.0.2.1
 - TCP traffic arriving at or passing through the firewall
# - which WAS going to 203.0.113.1
nat to-destination 192.0.2.1 proto tcp dst 203.0.113.1
# Send to 192.0.2.1
# - TCP traffic arriving at or passing through the firewall
# - which WAS going to 203.0.113.1, port 25
nat to-destination 192.0.2.1 proto tcp dport 25 dst 203.0.113.1
# Other examples
nat to-source 192.0.2.1 outface eth0 src 198.51.100.1 dst 203.0.113.1
nat to-destination 192.0.2.2 outface eth0 src 198.51.100.2 dst 203.0.113.2
nat redirect-to 8080 inface eth0 src 198.51.100.0/24 proto tcp dport 80
```

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) interface definition: firehol-interface(5) router definition: firehol-router(5) optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5) masquerade helper: firehol-masquerade(5)

2.20 transparent_proxy, transparent_squid helpers: firehol-transparent_proxy

Name

firehol-transparent_proxy, firehol-transparent_squid — set up a transparent proxy

Synopsis

transparent_proxy service port user [rule-params]
transparent_squid port user [rule-params]

Description

The transparent_proxy helper command sets up transparent caching for TCP traffic.

Note

The proxy application must be running on the firewall host at port *port* with the credentials of the local user *user* (which may be a space-delimited list enclosed in quotes) serving requests appropriate to the TCP port *service*.

The *rule-params* define a set of rule parameters to define the traffic that is to be proxied. See optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5) for more details.

For traffic destined for the firewall host or passing through the firewall, do not use the outface rule because the rules are applied before the routing decision and so the outgoing interface will not be known.

An empty *user* string ("") disables caching of locally-generated traffic. Otherwise, traffic starting from the firewall is captured, except traffic generated by the local user(s) *user*. The inface, outface and *src rule-params* are all ignored for locally-generated traffic.

The **transparent_squid** helper command sets up the special case for HTTP traffic with *service* implicitly set to 80.

Examples

```
transparent_proxy 80 3128 squid inface eth0 src 192.0.2.0/24
transparent_squid 3128 squid inface eth0 src 192.0.2.0/24
transparent_proxy "80 3128 8080" 3128 "squid privoxy root bin" \
inface not "ppp+ ipsec+" dst not "a.not.proxied.server"
transparent_squid "80 3128 8080" "squid privoxy root bin" \
inface not "ppp+ ipsec+" dst not "non.proxied.server"
```

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) interface definition: firehol-interface(5) router definition: firehol-router(5)

2.21 tos config helper: firehol-tos

Name

firehol-tos - set the Type of Service (TOS) of packets

Synopsis

```
tos value chain [rule-params]
```

Description

The tos helper command sets the Type of Service (TOS) field in packet headers.

Note

There is also a **tos** parameter which allows matching TOS values within individual rules (see optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)).

The *value* can be an integer number (decimal or hexadecimal) or one of the descriptive values accepted by **iptables** (run **iptables** -j **TOS** --help for a list).

The *chain* will be used to find traffic to mark. It can be any of the **iptables** built in chains belonging to the mangle table. The chain names are: INPUT, FORWARD, OUTPUT, PREROUTING and POSTROUTING. The names are case-sensitive.

The *rule-params* define a set of rule parameters to match the traffic that is to be marked within the chosen chain. See optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5) for more details.

Any **tos** commands will affect all traffic matched. They must be declared before the first router or interface.

Examples

```
# set TOS to 16, packets sent by the local machine
tos 16 OUTPUT
# set TOS to 0x10 (16), packets routed by the local machine
tos 0x10 FORWARD
# set TOS to Maximize-Throughput (8), packets routed by the local
# machine, destined for port TCP/25 of 198.51.100.1
tos Maximize-Throughput FORWARD proto tcp dport 25 dst 198.51.100.1
```

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) tosfix config helper: firehol-tosfix(5) administration tool for IPv4 firewalls: iptables(8) optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)

2.22 tosfix config helper: firehol-tosfix

Name

firehol-tosfix - apply suggested TOS values to packets

Synopsis

tosfix

Description

The **tosfix** helper command sets the Type of Service (TOS) field in packet headers based on the suggestions given by Erik Hensema in iptables and tc shapping tricks.

The following TOS values are set:

- All TCP ACK packets with length less than 128 bytes are assigned Minimize-Delay, while bigger ones are assigned Maximize-Throughput
- All packets with TOS Minimize-Delay, that are bigger than 512 bytes are set to Maximize-Throughput, except for short bursts of 2 packets per second

The tosfix command must be used before the first router or interface.

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) tos config helper: firehol-tos(5) administration tool for IPv4 firewalls: iptables(8)

2.23 iptables helper: firehol-iptables

Name

firehol-iptables — include custom iptables commands

Synopsis

iptables argument ...

Description

The **iptables** helper command passes all of its arguments to the real **iptables**(8) at the appropriate point during run-time.

Note

When used in an **interface** or **router**, the result will not have a direct relationship to the enclosing definition as the parameters passed are only those you supply.

You should not use **/sbin/iptables** directly in a FireHOL configuration as it will run before FireHOL activates its firewall. This means they it be applied to the running firewall, not the new firewall, so will be removed when the new firewall is activated.

The **iptables** helper is provided to allow you to hook in commands safely.

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) administration tool for IPv4 firewalls: iptables(8)

2.24 masquerade helper: firehol-masquerade

Name

firehol-masquerade - set up masquerading (NAT) on an interface

Synopsis

```
masquerade real-interface [rule-params]
masquerade [reverse] [rule-params]
```

Description

The **masquerade** helper command sets up masquerading on the output of a real network interface (as opposed to a FireHOL interface definition).

If a *real-interface* is specified the command should be used before any interface or router definitions. Multiple values can be given separated by whitespace, so long as they are enclosed in quotes.

If used within an interface definition the definition's real-interface will be used.

If used within a router definition the definition's *outface*(s) will be used if specified. If the reverse option is gived, then the definition's *inface*(s) will be used if specified.

Unlike most commands, **masquerade** does not inherit its parent definition's *rules-params*, it only honour's its own. The inface and outface parameters should not be used (iptables does not support inface in the POSTROUTING chain and outface will be overwritten by FireHOL using the rules above).

Note

The masquerade always applies to the output of the chosen network interfaces. FIREHOL_NAT will be turned on automatically (see control variables: firehol-variables(5)) and Fire-HOL will enable packet-forwarding in the kernel.

Masquerading and SNAT

Masquerading is a special form of Source NAT (SNAT) that changes the source of requests when they go out and replaces their original source when they come in. This way a Linux host can become an Internet router for a LAN of clients having unroutable IP addresses. Masquerading takes care to re-map IP addresses and ports as required.

Masquerading is expensive compare to SNAT because it checks the IP address of the outgoing interface every time for every packet. If your host has a static IP address you should generally prefer SNAT.

Examples

```
# Before any interface or router
masquerade eth0 src 192.0.2.0/24 dst not 192.0.2.0/24
# In an interface definition to masquerade the output of its real- ↔
interface
masquerade
# In a router definition to masquerade the output of its outface
masquerade
# In a router definition to masquerade the output of its inface
masquerade reverse
```

See Also

```
FireHOL program: firehol(1)
FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5)
interface definition: firehol-interface(5)
router definition: firehol-router(5)
optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)
nat, snat, dnat, redirect config helpers: firehol-nat(5)
```

2.25 tcpmss helper: firehol-tcpmss

Name

firehol-tcpmss - set the MSS of TCP SYN packets for routers

Synopsis

```
tcpmss mss | auto [ if-list ]
```

Description

The **tcpmss** helper command sets the MSS (Maximum Segment Size) of TCP SYN packets routed through the firewall. This can be used to overcome situations where Path MTU Discovery is not working and packet fragmentation is not possible.

A numeric *mss* will set MSS of TCP connections to the value given. Using the word auto will set the MSS to the MTU of the outgoing interface minus 40 (clamp-mss-to-pmtu).

If used within a router or interface definition the MSS will be applied to outgoing traffic on the outf ace(s) of the router or interface.

If used before any router or interface definitions it will be applied to all traffic passing through the firewall. If *if-list* is given, the MSS will be applied only to those interfaces.

Examples

tcpmss auto tcpmss 500 tcpmss 500 "eth1 eth2 eth3"

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) router definition: firehol-router(5) TCPMSS target in the iptables tutorial

2.26 optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params

Name

firehol-rule-params, firehol-src, firehol-dst, firehol-srctype, firehol-dsttype, firehol-inface, firehol-outface, firehol-physin, firehol-physout, firehol-custom, firehol-log, firehol-loglimit, firehol-proto, firehol-uid, firehol-gid, firehol-mac-param, firehol-mark-param, firehol-tos-param, firehol-dscp-param — optional rule parameters

Synopsis

Common src [not] host dst [not] host srctype [not] type dsttype [not] type proto [not] protocol mac [not] macaddr dscp [not] value | class classid mark [not] id tos [not] id custom "iptables-options..." Router Only inface [not] interface outface [not] interface physin [not] interface physout [not] interface Interface Only uid [not] user gid [not] group Logging log "log text" [level loglevel] loglimit "log text" [level loglevel]

Description

Optional rule parameters are accepted by many commands to narrow the match they make. Not all parameters are accepted by all commands so you should check the individual commands for exclusions.

All matches are made against the REQUEST. FireHOL automatically sets up the necessary stateful rules to deal with replies in the reverse direction.

Use the option not to match any value other than the one(s) specified.

The logging parameters are unusual in that they do not affect the match, they just cause a log message to be emitted. Therefore, the logging parameters don't support the not option.

FireHOL is designed so that if you specify a parameter that is also used internally by the command then a warning will be issued (and the internal version will be used).

Common

Use **src** and **dst** to define the source and destination IP addresses of the request respectively. *host* defines the IP or IPs to be matched. Examples:

server smtp accept src not 192.0.2.1
server smtp accept dst 198.51.100.1
server smtp accept src not 192.0.2.1 dst 198.51.100.1

Use srctype or dsttype to define the source or destination IP address type of the request. $t_{YP}e$ is the address type category as used in the kernel's network stack. It can be one of:

UNSPEC

an unspecified address (i.e. 0.0.0.0)

UNICAST

a unicast address

LOCAL

a local address

BROADCAST

a broadcast address

ANYCAST

an anycast address

MULTICAST

a multicast address

BLACKHOLE

a blackhole address

UNREACHABLE

an unreachable address

PROHIBIT

a prohibited address

THROW, NAT, XRESOLVE

undocumented

See iptables(8) or run iptables -m addrtype --help for more information. Examples:

server smtp accept srctype not "UNREACHABLE PROHIBIT"

Use **proto** to match by protocol. The *protocol* can be any accepted by iptables(8).

Use **mac** to match by MAC address. The *macaddr* matches to the "remote" host. In an **interface**, "remote" always means the non-local host. In a **router**, "remote" refers to the source of requests for servers. It refers to the destination of requests for clients. Examples:

Only allow pop3 requests to the e6 host client pop3 accept mac 00:01:01:00:00:e6 # Only allow hosts other than e7/e8 to access smtp server smtp accept mac not "00:01:01:00:00:e7 00:01:01:00:00:e8"

Use **dscp** to match the DSCP field on packets. For details on DSCP values and classids, see dscp config helper: firehol-dscp(5).

server smtp accept dscp not "0x20 0x30" server smtp accept dscp not class "BE EF"

Use **mark** to match marks set on packets. For details on mark *ids*, see mark config helper: firehol-mark(5).

server smtp accept mark not "20 55"

Use tos to match the TOS field on packets. For details on TOS i ds, see tos config helper: firehol-tos(5).

server smtp accept tos not "Maximize-Throughput 0x10"

Use **custom** to pass arguments directly to iptables(8). All of the parameters must be in a single quoted string. To pass an option to iptables(8) that itself contains a space you need to quote strings in the usual bash(1) manner. For example:

server smtp accept custom "--some-option some-value"
server smtp accept custom "--some-option 'some-value second-value'"

Router Only

Use **inface** and **outface** to define the *interface* via which a request is received and forwarded respectively. Use the same format as interface definition: firehol-interface(5). Examples:

server smtp accept inface not eth0
server smtp accept inface not "eth0 eth1"
server smtp accept inface eth0 outface eth1

Use **physin** and **physout** to define the physical *interface* via which a request is received or send in cases where the inface or outface is known to be a virtual interface; e.g. a bridge. Use the same format as interface definition: firehol-interface(5). Examples:

server smtp accept physin not eth0

Interface only

These parameters match information related to information gathered from the local host. They apply only to outgoing packets and are silently ignored for incoming requests and requests that will be forwarded.

Use **uid** to match the operating system user sending the traffic. The *user* is a username, uid number or a quoted list of the two.

For example, to limit which users can access POP3 and IMAP by preventing replies for certain users from being sent:

client "pop3 imap" accept user not "user1 user2 user3"

Similarly, this will allow all requests to reach the server but prevent replies unless the web server is running as apache:

server http accept user apache

Use **gid** to match the operating system group sending the traffic. The *group* is a group name, gid number or a quoted list of the two.

Note

The Linux kernel infrastructure to match PID/SID and executable names with **pid**, **sid** and **cmd** has been removed so these options can no longer be used.

Logging

Use **log** or **loglimit** to log matching packets to syslog. Unlike iptables(8) logging, this is not an action: FireHOL will produce multiple iptables commands to accomplish both the action for the rule and the logging.

Logging is controlled using the FIREHOL_LOG_OPTIONS and FIREHOL_LOG_LEVEL environment variables (see control variables: firehol-variables(5)). loglimit additionally honours the FIREHOL_LOG _FREQUENCY and FIREHOL_LOG_BURST variables.

Specifying level (which takes the same values as FIREHOL_LOG_LEVEL) allows you to override the log level for a single rule.

Internal use

In addition to the commands in the synopsis, FireHOL provides **limit**, **sport** and **dport** which are used internally. These should not normally be used in configuration files unless you really understand what you are doing.

limit requires the arguments *frequency* and *burst* and will limit the matching of traffic in both directions.

sport requires an argument *port* which can be a name, number, range (FROM:TO) or a quoted list of ports. It specifies the source port of a request.

dport requires an argument *port* which can be a name, number, range (FROM:TO) or a quoted list of ports. It specifies the destination port of a request.

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) client command: firehol-client(5) server, route commands: firehol-server(5) interface definition: firehol-interface(5) router definition: firehol-router(5) mark config helper: firehol-mark(5) tos config helper: firehol-tos(5) dscp config helper: firehol-dscp(5) control variables: firehol-variables(5) administration tool for IPv4 firewalls: iptables(8)

2.27 actions for rules: firehol-actions

Name

firehol-actions, firehol-accept, firehol-deny, firehol-drop, firehol-reject, firehol-return, firehol-tarpit — rule actions

Synopsis

accept
accept with limit requests/period burst[overflow action]
accept with recent name seconds hits
accept with knock name
reject[with message]
drop
deny
return
tarpit

Description

These actions are the actions to be taken on traffic that has been matched by a particular rule.

FireHOL will also pass through any actions that **iptables(8)** accepts, however these definitions provide lowercase versions which accept arguments where appropriate and which could otherwise not be passed through.

Note

The **iptables(8)** LOG action is best used through the optional rule parameter log since the latter can be combined with one of these actions (FireHOL will generate multiple firewall rules to make this happen). For information on log and loglimit, see optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5).

The following actions are defined:

accept

accept allows the traffic matching the rules to reach its destination. For example, to allow SMTP requests and their replies to flow: server smtp accept

accept with limit

accept with limit allows the traffic, with new connections limited to requests/period with a maximum burst. Run iptables -m limit --help for more information.

The default overflow action is to REJECT the excess connections (DROP would produce timeouts on otherwise valid service clients).

Examples:

server smtp accept with limit 10/sec 100

server smtp accept with limit 10/sec 100 overflow drop

accept with recent

accept with recent allows the traffic matching the rules to reach its destination, limited per remote IP to hits per seconds. Run **iptables** -m **recent** --help for more information.

The name parameter is used to allow multiple rules to share the same table of recent IPs.

For example, to allow only 2 connections every 60 seconds per remote IP, to the smtp server:

server smtp accept with recent mail 60 2

Note

When a new connection is not allowed, the traffic will continue to be matched by the rest of the firewall. In other words, if the traffic is not allowed due to the limitations set here, it is not dropped, it is just not matched by this rule.

accept with knock

accept with knock allows easy integration with knockd, a server that allows you to control access to services by sending certain packets to "knock" on the door, before the door is opened for service.

The name is used to build a special chain knock_<name> which contains rules to allow established connections to work. If knockd has not allowed new connections any traffic entering this chain will just return back and continue to match against the other rules until the end of the firewall.

For example, to allow HTTPS requests based on a knock write:

server https accept with knock hidden

then configure knockd to enable the HTTPS service with:

iptables -A knock_hidden -s %IP% -j ACCEPT

and disable it with:

iptables -D knock_hidden -s %IP% -j ACCEPT

You can use the same knock name in more than one FireHOL rule to enable/disable all the services based on a single knockd configuration entry.

Note

There is no need to match anything other than the IP in knockd. FireHOL already matches everything else needed for its rules to work.

reject with message, reject

reject discards the traffic matching the rules and sends a rejecting message back to the sender.

When used with with the specific message to return can be specified. Run **iptables** -j **REJECT** --help for a list of the --reject-with values which can be used for message. See the section called "Reject With Messsages" for some examples.

The default (no message specified) is to send tcp-reset when dealing with TCP connections and icmp-port-unreachable for all other protocols.

For example:

UNMATCHED_INPUT_POLICY="reject with host-prohib" policy reject with host-unreach server ident reject with tcp-reset

drop, deny

drop discards the traffic matching the rules. It does so silently and the sender will need to timeout to conclude it cannot reach the service.

deny is a synonym for drop. For example, either of these would silently discard SMTP traffic:

server smtp drop

server smtp deny

return

return will return the flow of processing to the parent of the current command.

Currently, the only time **return** can be used meaningfully used is as a policy for an interface definition. Unmatched traffic will continue being processed with the possibility of being matched by a later definition. For example:

policy return

tarpit

tarpit captures and holds incoming TCP connections open.

Connections are accepted and immediately switched to the persist state (0 byte window), in which the remote side stops sending data and asks to continue every 60-240 seconds.

Attempts to close the connection are ignored, forcing the remote side to time out the connection after 12-24 minutes.

Example:

server smtp tarpit

Note

As the kernel conntrack modules are always loaded by FireHOL, some per-connection resources will be consumed. See this bug report for details.

The following actions also exist but should not be used under normal circumstances:

mirror

mirror returns the traffic it receives by switching the source and destination fields. REJECT will be used for traffic generated by the local host.

Warning

The MIRROR target was removed from the Linux kernel due to its security implications. MIRROR is dangerous; use it with care and only if you understand what you are doing.

redirect, redirect to-port port

redirect is used internally by FireHOL helper commands.

Only FireHOL developers should need to use this action directly.

Reject With Messsages

The following RFCs contain information relevant to these messages:

RFC 1812 RFC 1122 RFC 792

icmp-net-unreachable, net-unreach

ICMP network unreachable

Generated by a router if a forwarding path (route) to the destination network is not available. From RFC 1812, section 5.2.7.1. See RFC 1812 and RFC 792.

Note

Use with care. The sender and the routers between you and the sender may conclude that the whole network your host resides in is unreachable, and prevent other traffic from reaching you.

icmp-host-unreachable, host-unreach

ICMP host unreachable

Generated by a router if a forwarding path (route) to the destination host on a directly connected network is not available (does not respond to ARP).

From RFC 1812, section 5.2.7.1. See RFC 1812 and RFC 792.

Note

Use with care. The sender and the routers between you and the sender may conclude that your host is entirely unreachable, and prevent other traffic from reaching you.

icmp-proto-unreachable, proto-unreach

ICMP protocol unreachable

Generated if the transport protocol designated in a datagram is not supported in the transport layer of the final destination.

From RFC 1812, section 5.2.7.1. See RFC 1812 and RFC 792.

icmp-port-unreachable, port-unreach

ICMP port unreachable

Generated if the designated transport protocol (e.g. TCP, UDP, etc.) is unable to demultiplex the datagram in the transport layer of the final destination but has no protocol mechanism to inform the sender.

From RFC 1812, section 5.2.7.1. See RFC 1812 and RFC 792.

Generated by hosts to indicate that the required port is not active.

icmp-net-prohibited, net-prohib

ICMP communication with destination network administratively prohibited

This code was intended for use by end-to-end encryption devices used by U.S. military agencies. Routers SHOULD use the newly defined Code 13 (Communication Administratively Prohibited) if they administratively filter packets.

From RFC 1812, section 5.2.7.1. See RFC 1812 and RFC 1122.

Note

This message may not be widely understood.

icmp-host-prohibited, host-prohib

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From RFC 1812, section 5.2.7.1. See RFC 1812 and RFC 1122.

Note

This message may not be widely understood.

tcp-reset

TCP RST

The port unreachable message of the TCP stack.

See RFC 1122.

Note

tcp-reset is useful when you want to prevent timeouts on rejected TCP services where the client incorrectly ignores ICMP port unreachable messages.

See Also

FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5) interface definition: firehol-interface(5) router definition: firehol-router(5) optional rule parameters: firehol-rule-params(5)

2.28 services list: firehol-services

Name

firehol-services - FireHOL service list

Services

This Wikipedia list of ports may be helpful if you need to define a new service.

There are too many services for one page, so they are broken down alphabetically.

See Also

services list a: firehol-services-a(5) services list b: firehol-services-b(5) services list c: firehol-services-c(5) services list d: firehol-services-d(5) services list e: firehol-services-e(5) services list f: firehol-services-f(5) services list g: firehol-services-g(5) services list h: firehol-services-h(5) services list i: firehol-services-i(5) services list j: firehol-services-j(5) services list k: firehol-services-k(5) services list 1: firehol-services-l(5) services list m: firehol-services-m(5) services list n: firehol-services-n(5) services list o: firehol-services-o(5) services list p: firehol-services-p(5) services list q: firehol-services-q(5) services list r: firehol-services-r(5) services list s: firehol-services-s(5) services list t: firehol-services-t(5) services list u: firehol-services-u(5) services list v: firehol-services-v(5) services list w: firehol-services-w(5) services list x: firehol-services-x(5) services list y: firehol-services-y(5) services list z: firehol-services-z(5) FireHOL program: firehol(1) FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5)

2.29 services list a: firehol-services-a

Name

firehol-services-a — FireHOL service list a

Services starting with A

AH - IPSec Authentication Header (AH) all - Match all traffic amanda - Advanced Maryland Automatic Network Disk Archiver any - Match all traffic (without modules or indirect) anystateless - Match all traffic statelessly apcupsd - APC UPS Daemon apcupsdnis - APC UPS Daemon Network Information Server aptproxy - Advanced Packaging Tool Proxy asterisk - Asterisk PABX

AH - IPSEC AUTHENTICATION HEADER (AH)

Example

Configuration sample:

server AH accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports

51/any

Client Ports

any

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

For more information see this Archive of the FreeS/WAN documentation and RFC 2402.

ALL - MATCH ALL TRAFFIC

Example

Configuration sample:

server all accept

Service Type

complex

Server Ports all

Client Ports all

Notes

Matches all traffic (all protocols, ports, etc) while ensuring that required kernel modules are loaded. This service may indirectly setup a set of other services, if they require kernel modules to be loaded. The following complex services are activated:

ftp - File Transfer Protocol irc - Internet Relay Chat

AMANDA - ADVANCED MARYLAND AUTOMATIC NETWORK DISK ARCHIVER

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

udp/10080

Client Ports

default

Netfilter Modules

nf_conntrack_amanda (CONFIG_NF_CONNTRACK_AMANDA)

Netfilter NAT Modules

nf_nat_amanda (CONFIG_NF_NAT_AMANDA)

Links

Homepage, Wikipedia

ANY - MATCH ALL TRAFFIC (WITHOUT MODULES OR INDIRECT)

Example

Configuration sample:

server any myname accept proto 47

Service Type

complex

Server Ports all

Client Ports

all

Notes

Matches all traffic (all protocols, ports, etc), but does not care about kernel modules and does not activate any other service indirectly. In combination with the optional rule parameters: firehol-ruleparams(5) this service can match unusual traffic (e.g. GRE - protocol 47).

ANYSTATELESS - MATCH ALL TRAFFIC STATELESSLY

Example

Configuration sample:

server anystateless myname accept proto 47

Service Type

complex

Server Ports

all

Client Ports

all

Notes

Matches all traffic (all protocols, ports, etc), but does not care about kernel modules and does not activate any other service indirectly. In combination with the optional rule parameters: firehol-ruleparams(5) this service can match unusual traffic (e.g. GRE - protocol 47).

This service is identical to "any" but does not care about the state of traffic.

APCUPSD - APC UPS DAEMON

Example

Configuration sample:

server apcupsd accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/6544

Client Ports

default

Links

Homepage, Wikipedia

Notes

This service must be defined as "server apcupsd accept" on all machines not directly connected to the UPS (i.e. slaves).

Note that the port defined here is not the default port (6666) used if you download and compile APCUPSD, since the default conflicts with IRC and many distributions (like Debian) have changed this to 6544.

You can define port 6544 in APCUPSD, by changing the value of NETPORT in its configuration file, or overwrite this FireHOL service definition using the procedures described in the section called "Adding Services" of FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5).

APCUPSDNIS - APC UPS DAEMON NETWORK INFORMATION SERVER

Example

Configuration sample:

server apcupsdnis accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/3551

Client Ports

default

Links

Homepage, Wikipedia

Notes

This service allows the remote WEB interfaces of APCUPSD, to connect and get information from the server directly connected to the UPS device.

APTPROXY - ADVANCED PACKAGING TOOL PROXY

Example

Configuration sample:

server aptproxy accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/9999

Client Ports default

Links

Wikipedia

ASTERISK - ASTERISK PABX

Example

Configuration sample:

server asterisk accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/5038

Client Ports

default

Links

Homepage, Wikipedia

Notes

This service refers only to the manager interface of asterisk. You should normally enable sip - Session Initiation Protocol, h323 - H.323 VoIP, rtp - Real-time Transport Protocol, etc. at the firewall level, if you enable the relative channel drivers of asterisk.

See Also

2.30 services list b: firehol-services-b

Name

firehol-services-b — FireHOL service list b

Services starting with B

Currently no services start with B

See Also

2.31 services list c: firehol-services-c

Name

firehol-services-c — FireHOL service list c

Services starting with C

cups - Common UNIX Printing System custom - Custom definitions cvspserver - Concurrent Versions System

CUPS - COMMON UNIX PRINTING SYSTEM

Example

Configuration sample:

server cups accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/631 udp/631

Client Ports

any

Links

Homepage, Wikipedia

CUSTOM - CUSTOM DEFINITIONS

Example

Configuration sample:

server custom myimap tcp/143 default accept

Service Type custom

Server Ports N/A

Client Ports

N/A

Notes

The full syntax is:

subcommand custom name svr-proto/ports cli-ports action params

This service is used by FireHOL to allow you create rules for services which do not have a definition.

subcommand, action and params have their usual meanings.

A name must be supplied along with server ports in the form *proto/range* and client ports which takes only a *range*.

To define services with the built-in extension mechanism to avoid the need for **custom** services, see the section called "Adding Services" of FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5).

CVSPSERVER - CONCURRENT VERSIONS SYSTEM

Example

Configuration sample:

server cvspserver accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/2401

Client Ports

default

Links

Homepage, Wikipedia

See Also

2.32 services list d: firehol-services-d

Name

firehol-services-d - FireHOL service list d

Services starting with D

darkstat - Darkstat network traffic analyser daytime - Daytime Protocol dcc - Distributed Checksum Clearinghouse dcpp - Direct Connect++ P2P dhcp - Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol dhcprelay - DHCP Relay dict - Dictionary Server Protocol distcc - Distributed CC dns - Domain Name System

DARKSTAT - DARKSTAT NETWORK TRAFFIC ANALYSER

Example

Configuration sample:

server darkstat accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/666

Client Ports default

Links

Homepage

DAYTIME - DAYTIME PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server daytime accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/13

Client Ports

default

Links Wikipedia

DCC - DISTRIBUTED CHECKSUM CLEARINGHOUSE

Example

Configuration sample:

server dcc accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports udp/6277

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

See also this DCC FAQ.

DCPP - DIRECT CONNECT++ P2P

Example

Configuration sample:

server dcpp accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/1412 udp/1412

Client Ports

default

Links

Homepage

DHCP - DYNAMIC HOST CONFIGURATION PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server dhcp accept

Service Type

complex

Server Ports udp/67

Client Ports 68

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

The dhcp service is implemented as stateless rules.

DHCP clients broadcast to the network (src 0.0.0.0 dst 255.255.255.255) to find a DHCP server. If the DHCP service was stateful the iptables connection tracker would not match the packets and deny to send the reply.

Note that this change does not affect the security of either DHCP servers or clients, since only the specific ports are allowed (there is no random port at either the server or the client side).

Note also that the "server dhcp accept" or "client dhcp accept" commands should placed within interfaces that do not have src and / or dst defined (because of the initial broadcast).

You can overcome this problem by placing the DHCP service on a separate interface, without a src or dst but with a policy return. Place this interface before the one that defines the rest of the services.

For example:

```
interface eth0 dhcp
~~~~policy return
~~~~server dhcp accept
~
interface eth0 lan src "$mylan" dst "$myip"
~~~~client all accept
```

DHCPRELAY - DHCP RELAY

Example

Configuration sample:

server dhcprelay accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports

udp/67

Client Ports 67

0

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

From RFC 1812 section 9.1.2:

In many cases, BOOTP clients and their associated BOOTP server(s) do not reside on the same IP (sub)network. In such cases, a third-party agent is required to transfer BOOTP messages between clients and servers. Such an agent was originally referred to as a BOOTP forwarding agent. However, to avoid confusion with the IP forwarding function of a router, the name BOOTP relay agent has been adopted instead.

For more information about DHCP Relay see section 9.1.2 of RFC 1812 and section 4 of RFC 1542

DICT - DICTIONARY SERVER PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server dict accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/2628

Client Ports default

Links Wikipedia

Notes

See RFC2229.

DISTCC - DISTRIBUTED CC

Example

Configuration sample:

server distcc accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/3632

Client Ports

default

Links

Homepage, Wikipedia

Notes

For distcc security, please check the distcc security design.

DNS - DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM

Example

Configuration sample:

server dns accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

udp/53 tcp/53

Client Ports

any

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

On very busy DNS servers you may see a few dropped DNS packets in your logs. This is normal. The iptables connection tracker will timeout the session and lose unmatched DNS packets that arrive too late to be useful.

See Also

2.33 services list e: firehol-services-e

Name

firehol-services-e — FireHOL service list e

Services starting with E

echo - Echo Protocol emule - eMule (Donkey network client) eserver - eDonkey network server ESP - IPSec Encapsulated Security Payload (ESP)

ECHO - ECHO PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server echo accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/7

Client Ports default

Links

Wikipedia

EMULE - EMULE (DONKEY NETWORK CLIENT)

Example

Configuration sample:

client emule accept src 192.0.2.1

Service Type

complex

Server Ports

many

Client Ports

many

Links

Homepage

Notes

According to eMule Port Definitions, FireHOL defines:

Accept from any client port to the server at tcp/4661 Accept from any client port to the server at tcp/4662 Accept from any client port to the server at udp/4665 Accept from any client port to the server at udp/4672 Accept from any server port to the client at tcp/4662 Accept from any server port to the client at udp/4672

Use the FireHOL client command: firehol-client(5) command to match the eMule client.

Please note that the eMule client is an HTTP client also.

ESERVER - EDONKEY NETWORK SERVER

Example

Configuration sample:

server eserver accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/4661 udp/4661 udp/4665

Client Ports

any

Links

Wikipedia

ESP - IPSEC ENCAPSULATED SECURITY PAYLOAD (ESP)

Example

Configuration sample:

server ESP accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

50/any

Client Ports

any

Links Wikipedia

Notes

For more information see this Archive of the FreeS/WAN documentation RFC 2406.

See Also

2.34 services list f: firehol-services-f

Name

firehol-services-f — FireHOL service list f

Services starting with F

finger - Finger Protocol ftp - File Transfer Protocol

FINGER - FINGER PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server finger accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/79

Client Ports default

ueraun

Links

Wikipedia

FTP - FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server ftp accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/21

Client Ports default

Netfilter Modules

nf_conntrack_ftp (CONFIG_NF_CONNTRACK_FTP)

Netfilter NAT Modules

nf_nat_ftp (CONFIG_NF_NAT_FTP)

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

The FTP service matches both active and passive FTP connections.

See Also

2.35 services list g: firehol-services-g

Name

firehol-services-g — FireHOL service list g

Services starting with G

gift - giFT Internet File Transfer giftui - giFT Internet File Transfer User Interface gkrellmd - GKrellM Daemon GRE - Generic Routing Encapsulation

GIFT - GIFT INTERNET FILE TRANSFER

Example

Configuration sample:

server gift accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/4302 tcp/1214 tcp/2182 tcp/2472

Client Ports

any

Links

Homepage, Wikipedia

Notes

The gift FireHOL service supports:

Gnutella listening at tcp/4302 FastTrack listening at tcp/1214 OpenFT listening at tcp/2182 and tcp/2472

The above ports are the defaults given for the corresponding giFT modules.

To allow access to the user interface ports of giFT, use the giftui - giFT Internet File Transfer User Interface .

GIFTUI - GIFT INTERNET FILE TRANSFER USER INTERFACE

Example

Configuration sample:

server giftui accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/1213

Client Ports

default

Links

Homepage, Wikipedia

Notes

This service refers only to the user interface ports offered by giFT. To allow gift accept P2P requests, use the gift - giFT Internet File Transfer .

GKRELLMD - GKRELLM DAEMON

Example

Configuration sample:

server gkrellmd accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/19150

tcp/1915

Client Ports default

ueraun

Links

Homepage, Wikipedia

GRE - GENERIC ROUTING ENCAPSULATION

Example

Configuration sample:

server GRE accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

47/any

Client Ports any

Netfilter Modules

nf_conntrack_proto_gre (CONFIG_NF_CT_PROTO_GRE)

Netfilter NAT Modules

nf_nat_proto_gre (CONFIG_NF_NAT_PROTO_GRE)

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

Protocol No 47. For more information see RFC RFC 2784.

See Also

2.36 services list h: firehol-services-h

Name

firehol-services-h — FireHOL service list h

Services starting with H

h323 - H.323 VoIP heartbeat - HeartBeat http - Hypertext Transfer Protocol httpalt - HTTP alternate port https - Secure Hypertext Transfer Protocol hylafax - HylaFAX

н323 - Н.323 VoIP

Example

Configuration sample:

server h323 accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/1720

Client Ports default

Netfilter Modules

nf_conntrack_h323 (CONFIG_NF_CONNTRACK_H323)

Netfilter NAT Modules

nf_nat_h323 (CONFIG_NF_NAT_H323)

Links

Wikipedia

HEARTBEAT - HEARTBEAT

Example

Configuration sample:

server heartbeat accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports udp/690:699

Client Ports default

uciau

Links

Homepage

Notes

This FireHOL service has been designed such a way that it will allow multiple heartbeat clusters on the same LAN.

HTTP - HYPERTEXT TRANSFER PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server http accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/80

Client Ports default

Links

Wikipedia

HTTPALT - HTTP ALTERNATE PORT

Example

Configuration sample:

server httpalt accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/8080

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

This port is commonly used by web servers, web proxies and caches where the standard http - Hypertext Transfer Protocol port is not available or can or should not be used.

HTTPS - SECURE HYPERTEXT TRANSFER PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server https accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/443

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

HYLAFAX - HYLAFAX

Example

Configuration sample:

server hylafax accept

Service Type

complex

Server Ports

many

Client Ports

many

Links

Homepage, Wikipedia

Notes

This service allows incoming requests to server port tcp/4559 and outgoing from server port tcp/4558.

The correct operation of this service has not been verified.

USE THIS WITH CARE. A HYLAFAX CLIENT MAY OPEN ALL TCP UNPRIVILEGED PORTS TO ANYONE (from port tcp/4558).

See Also

2.37 services list i: firehol-services-i

Name

firehol-services-i - FireHOL service list i

Services starting with I

iax - Inter-Asterisk eXchange
iax2 - Inter-Asterisk eXchange v2
icmp - Internet Control Message Protocol
ICMP - Internet Control Message Protocol
icp - Internet Cache Protocol
ident - Identification Protocol
imap - Internet Message Access Protocol
imaps - Secure Internet Message Access Protocol
ipsecnatt - NAT traversal and IPsec
irc - Internet Relay Chat
isakmp - Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol (IKE)

IAX - INTER-ASTERISK EXCHANGE

Example

Configuration sample:

server iax accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports udp/5036

Client Ports default

Links

Homepage, Wikipedia

Notes

This service refers to IAX version 1. There is also iax2 - Inter-Asterisk eXchange v2.

IAX2 - INTER-ASTERISK EXCHANGE V2

Example

Configuration sample:

server iax2 accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

udp/5469 udp/4569

Client Ports

default

Links

Homepage, Wikipedia

Notes

This service refers to IAX version 2. There is also iax - Inter-Asterisk eXchange .

ICMP - INTERNET CONTROL MESSAGE PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server icmp accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports icmp/any

Client Ports

any

Links

Wikipedia

ICMP - INTERNET CONTROL MESSAGE PROTOCOL

Alias

See icmp - Internet Control Message Protocol

ICP - INTERNET CACHE PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server icp accept

Service Type simple

simple

Server Ports udp/3130

Client Ports 3130

Links

Wikipedia

IDENT - IDENTIFICATION PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server ident reject with tcp-reset

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/113

Client Ports default

aeraa

Links

Wikipedia

IMAP - INTERNET MESSAGE ACCESS PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server imap accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/143

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

IMAPS - SECURE INTERNET MESSAGE ACCESS PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server imaps accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/993

Client Ports default

Links

Wikipedia

IPSECNATT - NAT TRAVERSAL AND IPSEC

Service Type simple

Server Ports udp/4500

Client Ports any

Links

Wikipedia

IRC - INTERNET RELAY CHAT

Example

Configuration sample:

server irc accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports

tcp/6667

Client Ports default

Netfilter Modules

nf_conntrack_irc (CONFIG_NF_CONNTRACK_IRC)

Netfilter NAT Modules

nf_nat_irc (CONFIG_NF_NAT_IRC)

Links

Wikipedia

ISAKMP - INTERNET SECURITY ASSOCIATION AND KEY MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL (IKE)

Example

Configuration sample:

server isakmp accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports udp/500

Client Ports any

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

For more information see the Archive of the FreeS/WAN documentation

See Also

2.38 services list j: firehol-services-j

Name

firehol-services-j — FireHOL service list j

Services starting with J

jabber - Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol jabberd - Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol (Server)

JABBER - EXTENSIBLE MESSAGING AND PRESENCE PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server jabber accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/5222 tcp/5223

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

Allows clear and SSL client-to-server connections.

JABBERD - EXTENSIBLE MESSAGING AND PRESENCE PROTOCOL (SERVER)

Example

Configuration sample:

server jabberd accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/5222 tcp/5223 tcp/5269

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

Allows clear and SSL client-to-server and server-to-server connections.

Use this service for a jabberd server. In all other cases, use the jabber - Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol .

See Also

2.39 services list k: firehol-services-k

Name

firehol-services-k — FireHOL service list k

Services starting with K

Currently no services start with K

See Also

2.40 services list I: firehol-services-I

Name

firehol-services-1 - FireHOL service list 1

Services starting with L

12tp - Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol 1dap - Lightweight Directory Access Protocol 1daps - Secure Lightweight Directory Access Protocol 1pd - Line Printer Daemon Protocol

L2TP - LAYER 2 TUNNELING PROTOCOL

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

udp/1701

Client Ports

any

Links

Wikipedia

LDAP - LIGHTWEIGHT DIRECTORY ACCESS PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server ldap accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/389

Client Ports default

uerau

Links

Wikipedia

LDAPS - SECURE LIGHTWEIGHT DIRECTORY ACCESS PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server ldaps accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports

tcp/636

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

LPD - LINE PRINTER DAEMON PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server lpd accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/515

Client Ports any

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

LPD is documented in RFC 1179.

Since many operating systems incorrectly use the non-default client ports for LPD access, this definition allows any client port to access the service (in addition to the RFC defined 721 to 731 inclusive).

See Also

2.41 services list m: firehol-services-m

Name

firehol-services-m — FireHOL service list m

Services starting with M

microsoft_ds - Direct Hosted (NETBIOS-less) SMB mms - Microsoft Media Server msn - Microsoft MSN Messenger Service ms_ds - Direct Hosted (NETBIOS-less) SMB multicast - Multicast mysql - MySQL

MICROSOFT_DS - DIRECT HOSTED (NETBIOS-LESS) SMB

Example

Configuration sample:

server microsoft_ds accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/445

Client Ports

default

Notes

Direct Hosted (i.e. NETBIOS-less SMB)

This is another NETBIOS Session Service with minor differences with netbios_ssn - NETBIOS Session Service. It is supported only by Windows 2000 and Windows XP and it offers the advantage of being independent of WINS for name resolution.

It seems that samba supports transparently this protocol on the netbios_ssn - NETBIOS Session Service ports, so that either direct hosted or traditional SMB can be served simultaneously.

Please refer to the netbios_ssn - NETBIOS Session Service for more information.

MMS - MICROSOFT MEDIA SERVER

Example

Configuration sample:

server mms accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/1755 udp/1755

Client Ports

default

Netfilter Modules

See here.

Netfilter NAT Modules

See here.

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

Microsoft's proprietary network streaming protocol used to transfer unicast data in Windows Media Services (previously called NetShow Services).

MSN - MICROSOFT MSN MESSENGER SERVICE

Example

Configuration sample:

server msn accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/6891

Client Ports

default

MS_DS - DIRECT HOSTED (NETBIOS-LESS) SMB

Alias

See microsoft_ds - Direct Hosted (NETBIOS-less) SMB

MULTICAST - MULTICAST

Example

Configuration sample:

server multicast reject with proto-unreach

Service Type

complex

Server Ports N/A

11/1

Client Ports

N/A

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

The multicast service matches all packets sent to 224.0.0.0/4 using IGMP or UDP.

MYSQL - MYSQL

Example

Configuration sample:

server mysql accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/3306

Client Ports

default

Links Homepage, Wikipedia

See Also

2.42 services list n: firehol-services-n

Name

firehol-services-n — FireHOL service list n

Services starting with N

netbackup - Veritas NetBackup service netbios_dgm - NETBIOS Datagram Distribution Service netbios_ns - NETBIOS Name Service netbios_ssn - NETBIOS Session Service nfs - Network File System nis - Network Information Service nntp - Network Information Service nntp - Network News Transfer Protocol nntps - Secure Network News Transfer Protocol ntp - Network Time Protocol nut - Network UPS Tools nxserver - NoMachine NX Server

NETBACKUP - VERITAS NETBACKUP SERVICE

Example

Configuration sample:

server netbackup accept client netbackup accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/13701 tcp/13711 tcp/13720 tcp/13721 tcp/13724 tcp/13782 tcp/13783

Client Ports

any

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

To use this service you must define it as both client and server in NetBackup clients and NetBackup servers.

NETBIOS_DGM - NETBIOS DATAGRAM DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

Example

Configuration sample:

server netbios_dgm accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

udp/138

Client Ports

any

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

See also the samba - Samba .

Keep in mind that this service broadcasts (to the broadcast address of your LAN) UDP packets. If you place this service within an interface that has a dst parameter, remember to include (in the dst parameter) the broadcast address of your LAN too.

NETBIOS_NS - NETBIOS NAME SERVICE

Example

Configuration sample:

server netbios_ns accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports udp/137

Client Ports any

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

See also the samba - Samba .

NETBIOS_SSN - NETBIOS SESSION SERVICE

Example

Configuration sample:

server netbios_ssn accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/139

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

See also the samba - Samba .

Please keep in mind that newer NETBIOS clients prefer to use port 445 (microsoft_ds - Direct Hosted (NETBIOS-less) SMB) for the NETBIOS session service, and when this is not available they fall back to port 139 (netbios_ssn). Versions of samba above 3.x bind automatically to ports 139 and 445.

If you have an older samba version and your policy on an interface or router is DROP, clients trying to access port 445 will have to timeout before falling back to port 139. This timeout can be up to several minutes.

To overcome this problem you can explicitly REJECT the microsoft_ds - Direct Hosted (NETBIOSless) SMB with a tcp-reset message:

server microsoft_ds reject with tcp-reset

NFS - NETWORK FILE SYSTEM

Example

Configuration sample:

client nfs accept dst 192.0.2.1

Service Type

complex

Server Ports

many

Client Ports

N/A

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

The NFS service queries the RPC service on the NFS server host to find out the ports nfsd, mountd, lockd and rquotad are listening. Then, according to these ports it sets up rules on all the supported protocols (as reported by RPC) in order the clients to be able to reach the server.

For this reason, the NFS service requires that:

the firewall is restarted if the NFS server is restarted

the NFS server must be specified on all nfs statements (only if it is not the localhost)

Since NFS queries the remote RPC server, it is required to also be allowed to do so, by allowing the portmap - Open Network Computing Remote Procedure Call - Port Mapper too. Take care that this is allowed by the running firewall when FireHOL tries to query the RPC server. So you might have to setup NFS in two steps: First add the portmap service and activate the firewall, then add the NFS service and restart the firewall.

To avoid this you can setup your NFS server to listen on pre-defined ports, as documented in NFS Howto. If you do this then you will have to define the the ports using the procedure described in the section called "Adding Services" of FireHOL configuration: firehol.conf(5).

NIS - NETWORK INFORMATION SERVICE

Example

Configuration sample:

client nis accept dst 192.0.2.1

Service Type

complex

Server Ports

many

Client Ports

N/A

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

The nis service queries the RPC service on the nis server host to find out the ports ypserv and yppasswdd are listening. Then, according to these ports it sets up rules on all the supported protocols (as reported by RPC) in order the clients to be able to reach the server. For this reason, the nis service requires that:

the firewall is restarted if the nis server is restarted

the nis server must be specified on all nis statements (only if it is not the localhost)

Since nis queries the remote RPC server, it is required to also be allowed to do so, by allowing the portmap - Open Network Computing Remote Procedure Call - Port Mapper too. Take care that this is allowed by the running firewall when FireHOL tries to query the RPC server. So you might have to setup nis in two steps: First add the portmap service and activate the firewall, then add the nis service and restart the firewall.

This service was added to FireHOL by Carlos Rodrigues. His comments regarding this implementation, are:

These rules work for client access only!

Pushing changes to slave servers won't work if these rules are active somewhere between the master and its slaves, because it is impossible to predict the ports where yppush will be listening on each push.

Pulling changes directly on the slaves will work, and could be improved performance-wise if these rules are modified to open fypxfrd. This wasn't done because it doesn't make that much sense since pushing changes on the master server is the most common, and recommended, way to replicate maps.

NNTP - NETWORK NEWS TRANSFER PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server nntp accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/119

Client Ports default

Links

Wikipedia

NNTPS - SECURE NETWORK NEWS TRANSFER PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server nntps accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/563

Client Ports default

Links

Wikipedia

NTP - NETWORK TIME PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server ntp accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

udp/123 tcp/123

Client Ports

any

Links

Wikipedia

NUT - NETWORK UPS TOOLS

Example

Configuration sample:

server nut accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/3493 udp/3493

Client Ports

default

Links

Homepage

NXSERVER - NOMACHINE NX SERVER

Example

Configuration sample:

server nxserver accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/5000:5200

Client Ports default

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

Default ports used by NX server for connections without encryption.

Note that nxserver also needs the ssh - Secure Shell Protocol to be enabled.

This information has been extracted from this The TCP ports used by nxserver are 4000 + DIS-PLAY_BASE to 4000 + DISPLAY_BASE + DISPLAY_LIMIT. DISPLAY_BASE and DISPLAY_LIMIT are set in /usr/NX/etc/node.conf and the defaults are DISPLAY_BASE=1000 and DISPLAY_LIMIT=200.

For encrypted nxserver sessions, only ssh - Secure Shell Protocol is needed.

See Also

2.43 services list o: firehol-services-o

Name

firehol-services-o - FireHOL service list o

Services starting with O

oracle - Oracle Database OSPF - Open Shortest Path First

ORACLE - ORACLE DATABASE

Example

Configuration sample:

server oracle accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/1521

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

OSPF - OPEN SHORTEST PATH FIRST

Example

Configuration sample:

server OSPF accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports 89/any

Client Ports

any

Links

Wikipedia

See Also

2.44 services list p: firehol-services-p

Name

firehol-services-p — FireHOL service list p

Services starting with P

ping - Ping (ICMP echo) pop3 - Post Office Protocol pop3s - Secure Post Office Protocol portmap - Open Network Computing Remote Procedure Call - Port Mapper postgres - PostgreSQL pptp - Point-to-Point Tunneling Protocol privoxy - Privacy Proxy

PING - PING (ICMP ECHO)

Example

Configuration sample:

server ping accept

Service Type complex

Server Ports N/A

Client Ports N/A

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

This services matches requests of protocol ICMP and type echo-request (TYPE=8) and their replies of type echo-reply (TYPE=0).

The ping service is stateful.

POP3 - POST OFFICE PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server pop3 accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/110

Client Ports default

Links

Wikipedia

POP3S - SECURE POST OFFICE PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server pop3s accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/995

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

PORTMAP - OPEN NETWORK COMPUTING REMOTE PROCEDURE CALL - PORT MAPPER

Example

Configuration sample:

server portmap accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

udp/111 tcp/111

Client Ports

any

Links

Wikipedia

POSTGRES - POSTGRESQL

Example

Configuration sample:

server postgres accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/5432

Client Ports default

Links

Wikipedia

PPTP - POINT-TO-POINT TUNNELING PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server pptp accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/1723

Client Ports

default

Netfilter Modules

nf_conntrack_pptp (CONFIG_NF_CONNTRACK_PPTP), nf_conntrack_proto_gre (CONFIG_NF_CT_PROTO_GRE)

Netfilter NAT Modules

nf_nat_pptp (CONFIG_NF_NAT_PPTP), nf_nat_proto_gre (CONFIG_NF_NAT_PROTO_GRE)

Links

Wikipedia

PRIVOXY - PRIVACY PROXY

Example

Configuration sample:

server privoxy accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/8118

Client Ports

default

Links

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See Also

2.45 services list q: firehol-services-q

Name

firehol-services-q — FireHOL service list q

Services starting with Q

Currently no services start with Q

See Also

2.46 services list r: firehol-services-r

Name

firehol-services-r — FireHOL service list r

Services starting with R

radius - Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS) radiusold - Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS) radiusoldproxy - Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS) radiusproxy - Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS) rdp - Remote Desktop Protocol rndc - Remote Name Daemon Control rsync - rsync protocol rtp - Real-time Transport Protocol

RADIUS - REMOTE AUTHENTICATION DIAL IN USER SERVICE (RADIUS)

Example

Configuration sample:

server radius accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports udp/1812 udp/1813

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

RADIUSOLD - REMOTE AUTHENTICATION DIAL IN USER SERVICE (RADIUS)

Example

Configuration sample:

server radiusold accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

udp/1645 udp/1646

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

RADIUSOLDPROXY - REMOTE AUTHENTICATION DIAL IN USER SERVICE (RADIUS)

Example

Configuration sample:

server radiusoldproxy accept

Service Type simple

simple

Server Ports udp/1647

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

RADIUSPROXY - REMOTE AUTHENTICATION DIAL IN USER SERVICE (RADIUS)

Example

Configuration sample:

server radiusproxy accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports udp/1814

Client Ports default

Links

Wikipedia

RDP - REMOTE DESKTOP PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server rdp accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/3389

Client Ports

default

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Notes

Remote Desktop Protocol is also known also as Terminal Services.

RNDC - REMOTE NAME DAEMON CONTROL

Example

Configuration sample:

server rndc accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/953

Client Ports default

Links

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RSYNC - RSYNC PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server rsync accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/873 udp/873

Client Ports

default

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RTP - REAL-TIME TRANSPORT PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server rtp accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

udp/10000:20000

Client Ports

any

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

RTP ports are generally all the UDP ports. This definition narrows down RTP ports to UDP 10000 to 20000.

See Also

2.47 services list s: firehol-services-s

Name

firehol-services-s — FireHOL service list s

Services starting with S

samba - Samba sane - SANE Scanner service sip - Session Initiation Protocol smtp - Simple Mail Transport Protocol smtps - Secure Simple Mail Transport Protocol snmptrap - Simple Network Management Protocol snmptrap - SNMP Trap socks - SOCKet Secure squid - Squid Web Cache ssh - Secure Shell Protocol stun - Session Traversal Utilities for NAT submission - SMTP over SSL/TLS submission sunrpc - Open Network Computing Remote Procedure Call - Port Mapper swat - Samba Web Administration Tool syslog - Syslog Remote Logging Protocol

SAMBA - SAMBA

Example

Configuration sample:

server samba accept

Service Type

complex

Server Ports many

Client Ports default

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Notes

The samba service automatically sets all the rules for netbios_ns - NETBIOS Name Service , netbios_dgm - NETBIOS Datagram Distribution Service , netbios_ssn - NETBIOS Session Service and microsoft_ds - Direct Hosted (NETBIOS-less) SMB .

Please refer to the notes of the above services for more information.

NETBIOS initiates based on the broadcast address of an interface (request goes to broadcast address) but the server responds from its own IP address. This makes the "server samba accept" statement drop the server reply, because of the way the iptables connection tracker works.

This service definition includes a hack, that allows a Linux samba server to respond correctly in such situations, by allowing new outgoing connections from the well known netbios_ns - NETBIOS Name Service port to the clients high ports.

However, for clients and routers this hack is not applied because it would open all unprivileged ports to the samba server. The only solution to overcome the problem in such cases (routers or clients) is to build a trust relationship between the samba servers and clients.

SANE - SANE SCANNER SERVICE

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/6566

Client Ports default

Netfilter Modules

nf_conntrack_sane (CONFIG_NF_CONNTRACK_SANE)

Netfilter NAT Modules

N/A

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SIP - SESSION INITIATION PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server sip accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

udp/5060

Client Ports

5060 default

Netfilter Modules

nf_conntrack_sip (CONFIG_NF_CONNTRACK_SIP)

Netfilter NAT Modules

nf_nat_sip (CONFIG_NF_NAT_SIP)

Links

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Notes

SIP is an IETF standard protocol (RFC 2543) for initiating interactive user sessions involving multimedia elements such as video, voice, chat, gaming, etc. SIP works in the application layer of the OSI communications model.

SMTP - SIMPLE MAIL TRANSPORT PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server smtp accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/25

Client Ports default

Links

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SMTPS - SECURE SIMPLE MAIL TRANSPORT PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server smtps accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/465

Client Ports

default

Links Wikipedia

SNMP - SIMPLE NETWORK MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server snmp accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports udp/161

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

SNMPTRAP - SNMP TRAP

Example

Configuration sample:

server snmptrap accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports udp/162

Client Ports any

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

An SNMP trap is a notification from an agent to a manager.

SOCKS - SOCKET SECURE

Example

Configuration sample:

server socks accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/1080 udp/1080

Client Ports default

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

See also RFC 1928.

SQUID - SQUID WEB CACHE

Example

Configuration sample:

server squid accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/3128

Client Ports

default

Links

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SSH - SECURE SHELL PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server ssh accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/22

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

STUN - SESSION TRAVERSAL UTILITIES FOR NAT

Example

Configuration sample:

server stun accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports udp/3478 udp/3479

Client Ports

any

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Wikipedia

Notes

STUN is a protocol for assisting devices behind a NAT firewall or router with their packet routing.

SUBMISSION - SMTP OVER SSL/TLS SUBMISSION

Example

Configuration sample:

server submission accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/587

Client Ports default

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

Submission is essentially normal SMTP with an SSL/TLS negotiation.

SUNRPC - OPEN NETWORK COMPUTING REMOTE PROCEDURE CALL - PORT MAPPER

Alias

See portmap - Open Network Computing Remote Procedure Call - Port Mapper

SWAT - SAMBA WEB ADMINISTRATION TOOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server swat accept

Service Type simple

simple

Server Ports tcp/901

Client Ports default

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SYSLOG - SYSLOG REMOTE LOGGING PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server syslog accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports udp/514

Client Ports syslog default

Links

Wikipedia

See Also

2.48 services list t: firehol-services-t

Name

firehol-services-t — FireHOL service list t

Services starting with T

telnet - Telnet tftp - Trivial File Transfer Protocol time - Time Protocol timestamp - ICMP Timestamp

telnet - Telnet

Example

Configuration sample:

server telnet accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/23

Client Ports default

Links

Wikipedia

TFTP - TRIVIAL FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server tftp accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports udp/69

Client Ports

default

Netfilter Modules

nf_conntrack_tftp (CONFIG_NF_CONNTRACK_TFTP)

Netfilter NAT Modules

nf_nat_tftp (CONFIG_NF_NAT_TFTP)

Links

Wikipedia

TIME - TIME PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server time accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/37 udp/37

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

TIMESTAMP - ICMP TIMESTAMP

Example

Configuration sample:

server timestamp accept

Service Type complex

Server Ports N/A

Client Ports N/A

Links

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Notes

This services matches requests of protocol ICMP and type timestamp-request (TYPE=13) and their replies of type timestamp-reply (TYPE=14).

The timestamp service is stateful.

See Also

2.49 services list u: firehol-services-u

Name

firehol-services-u — FireHOL service list u

Services starting with U

upnp - Universal Plug and Play uucp - Unix-to-Unix Copy

UPNP - UNIVERSAL PLUG AND PLAY

Example

Configuration sample:

server upnp accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports

udp/1900 tcp/2869

Client Ports

default

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Notes

For a Linux implementation see: Linux IGD.

UUCP - UNIX-TO-UNIX COPY

Example

Configuration sample:

server uucp accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/540

Client Ports

default

Links

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See Also

2.50 services list v: firehol-services-v

Name

firehol-services-v - FireHOL service list v

Services starting with V

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vmware - vmware
vmwareauth - vmwareauth
vmwareweb - vmwareweb
vnc - Virtual Network Computing
```

VMWARE - VMWARE

Example

Configuration sample:

server vmware accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/902

Client Ports

default

Notes

Used from VMWare 1 and up. See the VMWare KnowledgeBase.

VMWAREAUTH - VMWAREAUTH

Example

Configuration sample:

server vmwareauth accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/903

Client Ports

default

Notes

Used from VMWare 1 and up. See the VMWare KnowledgeBase.

VMWAREWEB - VMWAREWEB

Example

Configuration sample:

server vmwareweb accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/8222 tcp/8333

Client Ports

default

Notes

Used from VMWare 2 and up. See VMWare Server 2.0 release notes and the VMWare KnowledgeBase.

VNC - VIRTUAL NETWORK COMPUTING

Example

Configuration sample:

server vnc accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports

tcp/5900:5903

Client Ports

default

Links

Wikipedia

Notes

VNC is a graphical desktop sharing protocol.

See Also

2.51 services list w: firehol-services-w

Name

firehol-services-w - FireHOL service list w

Services starting with W

webcache - HTTP alternate port webmin - Webmin Administration System whois - WHOIS Protocol

WEBCACHE - HTTP ALTERNATE PORT

Alias

See httpalt - HTTP alternate port

WEBMIN - WEBMIN ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM

Example

Configuration sample:

server webmin accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports tcp/10000

Client Ports default

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WHOIS - WHOIS PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server whois accept

Service Type simple

Server Ports tcp/43

Client Ports

default

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See Also

2.52 services list x: firehol-services-x

Name

firehol-services-x — FireHOL service list x

Services starting with X

xbox - Xbox Live xdmcp - X Display Manager Control Protocol

XBOX - XBOX LIVE

Example

Configuration sample:

client xbox accept

Service Type

complex

Server Ports many

Client Ports default

Notes

Definition for the Xbox live service.

See program source for contributor details.

XDMCP - X DISPLAY MANAGER CONTROL PROTOCOL

Example

Configuration sample:

server xdmcp accept

Service Type

simple

Server Ports udp/177

Client Ports

default

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Wikipedia

Notes

See Gnome Display Manager for a discussion about XDMCP and firewalls (Gnome Display Manager is a replacement for XDM).

See Also

2.53 services list y: firehol-services-y

Name

firehol-services-y — FireHOL service list y

Services starting with Y

Currently no services start with Y

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2.54 services list z: firehol-services-z

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firehol-services-z — FireHOL service list z

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Currently no services start with Z

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