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Subject: \*SOLVED\* Firewall rule don't allow ftp while port 21 is open

Posted by [whatever](#) on Thu, 05 Oct 2006 10:03:32 GMT

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Hello,

Below is the firewall script but it doesn't allow the ftp.

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
IPTABLES="/sbin/iptables"
```

```
SERVER_IPS=`/sbin/ifconfig | grep inet | cut -d : -f 2 | cut -d \ -f 1 | grep -v 127.0.0.1`
```

```
FWIN="${IPTABLES} -A INPUT"
```

```
FWOUT="${IPTABLES} -A OUTPUT"
```

```
OK="-j ACCEPT"
```

```
NO="-j DROP"
```

```
# Flush tables and change default policy to DROP
```

```
function initialize() {  
    local TABLE="${1}"  
    ${IPTABLES} -F ${TABLE}  
    ${IPTABLES} -P ${TABLE} DROP  
}
```

```
# Flush tables and change default policy to ACCEPT
```

```
function stop() {  
    local TABLE="${1}"  
    ${IPTABLES} -F ${TABLE}  
    ${IPTABLES} -P ${TABLE} ACCEPT  
}
```

```
# Verify call switch
```

```
case "$1" in
```

```
start|restart)
```

```
    initialize INPUT
```

```
    initialize OUTPUT
```

```
    initialize FORWARD
```

```
    # INPUT
```

```
    # 1) loopback
```

```
    ${FWIN} -i lo ${OK}
```

```
    ${FWIN} -d 127.0.0.0/8 ${NO}
```

```
    # 2) We allow incoming SSH connections and answers to
```

```
    # our own SSH connections:
```

```
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport 22 ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p tcp --sport 22 -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: "!" --syn ${OK}
done
```

# 3) We allow incoming DNS queries as well as answers to our  
# DNS queries.

```
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport 53 ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p udp -d ${OURIP} --dport 53 ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p tcp --sport 53 -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: "!" --syn ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p udp --sport 53 -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: ${OK}
done
```

# 4) We allow access to our SMTP server, as well as answers  
# to our SMTP connections and, temporarily, identd stuff:

```
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport 25 ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p tcp --sport 25 -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: "!" --syn ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p tcp --sport 1024: -d ${OURIP} --dport 113 ${OK}
    #${FWIN} -p udp --sport 1024: -d ${OURIP} --dport 113 ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p tcp --sport 113 -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: "!" --syn ${OK}
    #${FWIN} -p udp --sport 113 -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: ${OK}
done
```

# 5) We also allow access to our POP/sPOP server.

```
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport 110 ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport 995 ${OK}
done
```

# 6) and to IMAP/IMAPs

```
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport 143 ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport 993 ${OK}
done
```

# 7) we would like to be able to use lynx ;)

```
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
    ${FWIN} -p tcp --sport 80 -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: "!" --syn ${OK}
done
```

# 8) We allow incoming echo replies/requests from everywhere:

```
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
    ${FWIN} -p icmp -d ${OURIP} --icmp-type 0 ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p icmp -d ${OURIP} --icmp-type 3 ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p icmp -d ${OURIP} --icmp-type 8 ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p icmp -d ${OURIP} --icmp-type 11 ${OK}
done
```

done

# 9) We also would like to allow access to our web server:

```
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport 80 ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport 443 ${OK}
done
```

10) people are still crazy enough to use ftp

```
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
    for PORT in 20 21; do
        ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport ${PORT} ${OK}
        ${FWIN} -p tcp --sport ${PORT} -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024:!" --syn ${OK}
        ${FWIN} -p udp -d ${OURIP} --dport ${PORT} ${OK}
        ${FWIN} -p udp --sport ${PORT} -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: ${OK}
    done
done
```

# allow answers on high ports

```
${FWIN} -p tcp -m tcp --dport 1024:65535 ! --tcp-flags SYN,RST,ACK SYN ${OK}
${FWIN} -p udp -m udp --dport 1024:65535 ${OK}
```

# Everything else is denied by default - policy is DROP.

# OUTPUT

# 1) Loopback packets.

```
${FWOUT} -o lo ${OK}
${FWOUT} -s 127.0.0.0/8 ${NO}
```

# 2) We allow all outgoing traffic:

```
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
    ${FWOUT} -s ${OURIP} ${OK}
done
```

::

stop)

```
# turn off the firewall, flush all rules
echo "Flushing rulesets.."
```

```
stop INPUT
stop OUTPUT
stop FORWARD
```

```

;;

status)
    # display the current status - both firewall rules and masquerading
    # connections

    # list rules. -n avoids DNS lookups
    $IPTABLES -nL

;;

*)
    echo "Usage: firewall {start|stop|restart|status}"
    exit 1
esac

exit 0

```

Update: [CODE] tag added

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Subject: Re: Firewall rule don't allow ftp while port 21 is open  
 Posted by [Vasily Tarasov](#) on Fri, 06 Oct 2006 07:25:33 GMT  
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Hello,

Thanks for the script - now we can give it as an example for newbies!  
 You sad that it doesn't permit ftp access. For me it's wrong: script allows ftp access. Maybe the reason is in a missprint in your script:

```

# 9) We also would like to allow access to our web server:
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport 80 ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport 443 ${OK}
done

```

```

10) people are still crazy enough to use ftp                                <<<< NO SIGN
OF COMMENT (#) IN THE BEGINING!
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
    for PORT in 20 21; do
        ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport ${PORT} ${OK}
        ${FWIN} -p tcp --sport ${PORT} -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: "!" --syn ${OK}
        ${FWIN} -p udp -d ${OURIP} --dport ${PORT} ${OK}
        ${FWIN} -p udp --sport ${PORT} -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: ${OK}
    done
done

```

done

```
# allow answers on high ports
${FWIN} -p tcp -m tcp --dport 1024:65535 ! --tcp-flags SYN,RST,ACK SYN ${OK}
${FWIN} -p udp -m udp --dport 1024:65535 ${OK}
```

Thanks again!

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After # that too it don't work.  
Problem is when we connect VPS it stops after connection goes to passive mode.  
When I stop the firewall it works.  
Can you test on your server and let me know.  
I am running pureftpd  
Thanks

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Subject: Re: Firewall rule don't allow ftp while port 21 is open  
Posted by [Vasily Tarasov](#) on Fri, 06 Oct 2006 08:56:21 GMT

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Well, of course passive mode doesn't work!  
In passive mode server opens additional unprivileged port (>1024) and sends its number to client.  
Client should connect to this port, but your iptables rules DROP these packets!

2024 - is just an example.

HTH,  
vass.

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Do we have to enable the passive mode in the pureftpd config file too?  
The firewall rules drop anything above 1024. In pureftpd config file # PassivePortRange

30000 50000

How do I enable this in firewall rules for port 20-21 as anything above 1024 is dropped

This rule is correct?

```
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
for PORT in 20 21; do
    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport ${PORT} ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p tcp --sport ${PORT} -d ${OURIP} --dport 30000:40000 "!" --syn ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p udp -d ${OURIP} --dport ${PORT} ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p udp --sport ${PORT} -d ${OURIP} --dport 30000:40000 ${OK}
done
done
```

Thanks

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ip\_conntrack,ip\_conntrack\_ftp?

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Posted by [Vasily Tarasov](#) on Fri, 06 Oct 2006 10:08:58 GMT

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No!

You should make the following changes:

```
for OURIP in ${SERVER_IPS}; do
for PORT in 20 21; do
    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport ${PORT} ${OK}
-    ${FWIN} -p tcp --sport ${PORT} -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: "!" --syn ${OK}
+    ${FWIN} -p tcp -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: ${OK}
    ${FWIN} -p udp -d ${OURIP} --dport ${PORT} ${OK}
-    ${FWIN} -p udp --sport ${PORT} -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: ${OK}
+    ${FWIN} -p udp -d ${OURIP} --dport 1024: ${OK}
done
done
```

This helps for me.

vass.

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Thank you Vass. It works like anything

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