
Subject: Host firewall -- SOLVED

Posted by [ferp2](#) on Mon, 08 May 2006 15:44:08 GMT

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Hello,

I have a generic firewall script that normally runs fine, but is giving me access problems between the host system and the vps. The firewall is set up for connections tracking using:

```
/sbin/modprobe ip_conntrack "ip_conntrack_enable_ve0=1"
```

With the host system firewall activated:

- I cannot ping a vps from the host system. The message I get is:

ping: sendmsg: Operation not permitted

- I cannot ping the host system from the vps either.

- I can successfully ping a separate machine on the same subnet from the host system.

- I can successfully ping the host system from a separate machine on the same subnet.

With the INPUT and OUTPUT policy set to ACCEPT, or the host system firewall deactivated:

- I can successfully ping a vps from the host system.

- I can successfully ping the host system from the vps.

How do I maintain the INPUT and OUTPUT policy set to DROP on the host system, and yet still be able to successfully ping the vps from the host system and vice-versa.

Thank you.

Subject: Re: Host firewall

Posted by [dev](#) on Tue, 09 May 2006 15:30:00 GMT

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1. you are running 2.6.8 kernel, correct?

2. can you show your rules in host system please, with iptables -L?

3. or even get an access to your node, so I could quickly resolve it?

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Posted by [ferp2](#) on Tue, 09 May 2006 15:52:07 GMT

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Here's the info you requested.

```
uname -r
2.6.8-022stab064-up
```

```
/sbin/iptables -L -n
```

Chain INPUT (policy DROP)

target	prot	opt	source	destination	state
ACCEPT	all	--	0.0.0.0/0	0.0.0.0/0	RELATED,ESTABLISHED
ACCEPT	all	--	0.0.0.0/0	0.0.0.0/0	
ACCEPT	icmp	--	192.168.0.0/24	192.168.0.7	icmp type 8
ACCEPT	tcp	--	192.168.0.2	192.168.0.7	tcp dpt:22 state NEW
LOG	icmp	--	0.0.0.0/0	192.168.0.7	icmp !type 8 LOG flags 0 level 4
LOG	tcp	--	0.0.0.0/0	192.168.0.7	LOG flags 0 level 4

Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)

target	prot	opt	source	destination
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Chain OUTPUT (policy DROP)

target	prot	opt	source	destination	state
ACCEPT	all	--	0.0.0.0/0	0.0.0.0/0	RELATED,ESTABLISHED
ACCEPT	all	--	0.0.0.0/0	0.0.0.0/0	
ACCEPT	all	--	0.0.0.0/0	0.0.0.0/0	
ACCEPT	icmp	--	192.168.0.7	192.168.0.0/24	icmp type 0
LOG	all	--	0.0.0.0/0	0.0.0.0/0	LOG flags 0 level 4

Thanks

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Posted by [dev](#) on Tue, 09 May 2006 18:14:17 GMT

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are these rules:

```
ACCEPT all -- 0.0.0.0/0 0.0.0.0/0
```

intentional?

1. can you also please specify your network settings: host/VPS IP/mask?
2. Is it possible to login to VPS via ssh from host (when policy is DROP and ping doesn't work)?

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Posted by [ferp2](#) on Tue, 09 May 2006 19:56:22 GMT

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1.

are these rules:

```
ACCEPT all -- 0.0.0.0/0 0.0.0.0/0
intentional?
```

If I'm not mistaken the above comes from:

```
$IPT -I INPUT 1 -p ALL -m state --state RELATED,ESTABLISHED -j ACCEPT
$IPT -I OUTPUT 1 -p ALL -m state --state RELATED,ESTABLISHED -j ACCEPT
# above 2 rules allow response to future rules using --state NEW
```

2.

can you also please specify your network settings: host/VPS IP/mask?

Host IP and mask:

ifconfig eth0

```
eth0    Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:50:FC:72:56:44
        inet addr:192.168.0.7  Bcast:192.168.0.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
        RX packets:14857 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:10341 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
        RX bytes:1562177 (1.4 MiB)  TX bytes:1615613 (1.5 MiB)
        Interrupt:11 Base address:0xdc00
```

VPS IP and mask

ifconfig -a

```
lo      Link encap:Local Loopback
        inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
        UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:16436  Metric:1
        RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
        RX bytes:0 (0.0 b)  TX bytes:0 (0.0 b)
```

```
venet0  Link encap:UNSPEC  HWaddr 00-00-FF-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00
        inet addr:127.0.0.1  P-t-P:127.0.0.1  Bcast:0.0.0.0  Mask:255.255.255.255
        UP BROADCAST POINTOPOINT RUNNING NOARP  MTU:1500  Metric:1
        RX packets:12798 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:8817 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
        RX bytes:1182031 (1.1 MiB)  TX bytes:1226952 (1.1 MiB)
```

```
venet0:0 Link encap:UNSPEC  HWaddr 00-00-FF-FF-FF-FF-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00
        inet addr:192.168.0.102  P-t-P:192.168.0.102  Bcast:0.0.0.0  Mask:255.255.255.255
        UP BROADCAST POINTOPOINT RUNNING NOARP  MTU:1500  Metric:1
```

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Posted by [Vasily Tarasov](#) on Wed, 10 May 2006 09:10:49 GMT

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ferp2, unfortunately I was not able to reproduce your problem locally:

```
[root@dhcp0-82 ~]# uname -a
Linux dhcp0-82.sw.ru 2.6.8-022stab064.1 #1 Thu Jan 19 22:16:02 MSK 2006 i686 i686 i386
GNU/Linux
```

```
[root@dhcp0-82 ~]# iptables -L -n
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target    prot opt source                destination
```

```
Chain INPUT (policy DROP)
target    prot opt source                destination
ACCEPT    all  --  0.0.0.0/0              0.0.0.0/0              state RELATED,ESTABLISHED
ACCEPT    all  --  0.0.0.0/0              0.0.0.0/0
ACCEPT    icmp --  192.168.0.0/24         192.168.0.82           icmp type 8
ACCEPT    tcp  --  192.168.0.254          192.168.0.82           tcp dpt:22 state NEW
LOG        icmp --  0.0.0.0/0              192.168.0.82           icmp !type 8 LOG flags 0 level 4
LOG        tcp  --  0.0.0.0/0              192.168.0.82           LOG flags 0 level 4
```

```
Chain OUTPUT (policy DROP)
target    prot opt source                destination
ACCEPT    all  --  0.0.0.0/0              0.0.0.0/0              state RELATED,ESTABLISHED
ACCEPT    all  --  0.0.0.0/0              0.0.0.0/0
ACCEPT    all  --  0.0.0.0/0              0.0.0.0/0
ACCEPT    icmp --  192.168.0.82           192.168.0.0/24         icmp type 0
LOG        all  --  0.0.0.0/0              0.0.0.0/0              LOG flags 0 level 4
```

```
[root@dhcp0-82 ~]# cat /etc/sysconfig/iptables
*filter
:INPUT DROP [0:0]
:FORWARD ACCEPT [0:0]
:OUTPUT DROP [0:0]
-A INPUT -s 0.0.0.0/0 -d 0.0.0.0/0 -m state --state RELATED,ESTABLISHED -j ACCEPT
-A INPUT -s 0.0.0.0/0 -d 0.0.0.0/0 -j ACCEPT
-A INPUT -p icmp --icmp-type 8 -s 192.168.0.0/24 -d 192.168.0.82 -j ACCEPT
-A INPUT -p tcp --destination-port 22 -s 192.168.0.254 -d 192.168.0.82 -m state --state NEW -j ACCEPT
-A INPUT -p icmp --icmp-type ! 8 -s 0.0.0.0/0 -d 192.168.0.82 -j LOG --log-level 4
-A INPUT -p tcp -s 0.0.0.0/0 -d 192.168.0.82 -j LOG --log-level 4

-A OUTPUT -s 0.0.0.0/0 -d 0.0.0.0/0 -m state --state RELATED,ESTABLISHED -j ACCEPT
-A OUTPUT -s 0.0.0.0/0 -d 0.0.0.0/0 -j ACCEPT
-A OUTPUT -s 0.0.0.0/0 -d 0.0.0.0/0 -j ACCEPT
```

```
-A OUTPUT -p icmp --icmp-type 0 -s 192.168.0.82 -d 192.168.0.0/24 -j ACCEPT
-A OUTPUT -s 0.0.0.0/0 -d 0.0.0.0/0 -j LOG --log-level 4
COMMIT
```

```
[root@dhcp0-82 ~]# ifconfig
```

```
eth0    Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:0C:29:2A:0C:8A
        inet addr:192.168.0.82  Bcast:192.168.3.255  Mask:255.255.252.0
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
        RX packets:7752 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:502 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
        RX bytes:823851 (804.5 KiB)  TX bytes:63597 (62.1 KiB)
        Interrupt:18 Base address:0x1080

lo      Link encap:Local Loopback
        inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
        UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:16436  Metric:1
        RX packets:8 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:8 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
        RX bytes:560 (560.0 b)  TX bytes:560 (560.0 b)

venet0  Link encap:UNSPEC  HWaddr FF-BF-78-F6-FF-BF-F0-AC-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00
        UP BROADCAST POINTOPOINT RUNNING NOARP  MTU:1500  Metric:1
        RX packets:83 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:11 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
        RX bytes:5628 (5.4 KiB)  TX bytes:924 (924.0 b)
```

```
in VPS:
```

```
-bash-3.00# ifconfig
```

```
lo      Link encap:Local Loopback
        inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
        UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:16436  Metric:1
        RX packets:8 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:8 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
        RX bytes:560 (560.0 b)  TX bytes:560 (560.0 b)

venet0  Link encap:UNSPEC  HWaddr FF-BF-38-F7-FF-BF-38-93-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00
        inet addr:127.0.0.1  P-t-P:127.0.0.1  Bcast:0.0.0.0  Mask:255.255.255.255
        UP BROADCAST POINTOPOINT RUNNING NOARP  MTU:1500  Metric:1
        RX packets:7 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:43 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
        RX bytes:588 (588.0 b)  TX bytes:2940 (2.8 KiB)
```

venet0:0 Link encap:UNSPEC HWaddr FF-BF-38-F7-FF-BF-AC-F7-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00
inet addr:192.168.0.142 P-t-P:192.168.0.142 Bcast:192.168.0.142 Mask:255.255.255.255
UP BROADCAST POINTOPOINT RUNNING NOARP MTU:1500 Metric:1

Can you, please, check iptables settings inside VPS?
May be there is some firewall inside VPS?
Thanks.

Subject: Re: Host firewall
Posted by [ferp2](#) on Wed, 10 May 2006 13:03:18 GMT
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vps:
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source destination

Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target prot opt source destination

Tried the following:

set host input policy to accept and output policy to deny = vps can ping host, host cannot ping vps.

set host output policy to accept and input policy to deny = vps cannot ping host, host can ping vps.

Here are the host iptables rules:

Path to executable
IPT="/sbin/iptables"

Enable OVZ kernel conntracks in host system
/sbin/modprobe ip_conntrack "ip_conntrack_enable_ve0=1"

Enable FTP connection tracking
#/sbin/modprobe ip_conntrack_ftp

Open ports for limited access
OPENPORTS="22"

INTERFACES
INTERFACE="eth0" # Internet-connected interface
LOOPBACK_INTERFACE="lo" # Loopback interface

```
IPADDR="192.168.0.7"
```

```
# NETWORKS
```

```
LOOPBACK="127.0.0.0/8"           # reserved loopback address range
CLASS_A="10.0.0.0/8"             # class A private networks
CLASS_B="172.16.0.0/12"          # class B private networks
CLASS_C="192.168.0.0/16"         # class C private networks
CLASS_D_MULTICAST="224.0.0.0/4"  # class D multicast addresses
CLASS_E_RESERVED_NET="240.0.0.0/5" # class E reserved addresses
BROADCAST_SRC="0.0.0.0"          # broadcast source address
BROADCAST_DEST="255.255.255.255" # broadcast destination address
```

```
# SUBNET
```

```
LAN="192.168.0.0/24"
```

```
# PORTS
```

```
PRIVPORTS="0:1023"               # privileged port range
UNPRIVPORTS="1024:65535"         # unprivileged port range
```

```
# =====
# Reset chains and set policies
# =====
```

```
# Remove any existing rules from all chains
```

```
$IPT -t filter --flush
```

```
$IPT -t nat --flush
```

```
$IPT -t mangle --flush
```

```
# Set default policy for all chains
```

```
# filter
```

```
$IPT --policy INPUT DROP
```

```
$IPT --policy OUTPUT DROP
```

```
$IPT --policy FORWARD ACCEPT
```

```
# Don't set nat and mangle tables to DROP unless
```

```
# you know what you're doing
```

```
# nat
```

```
#$IPT -t nat --policy PREROUTING DROP
```

```
#$IPT -t nat --policy OUTPUT DROP
```

```
#$IPT -t nat --policy POSTROUTING DROP
```

```
# mangle
```

```
#$IPT -t mangle --policy PREROUTING DROP
```

```
#$IPT -t mangle --policy OUTPUT DROP
```

```
# Remove any pre-existing user-defined chains
```

```
$IPT -t filter --delete-chain
```

```
#$IPT -t nat --delete-chain
```

```
#$IPT -t mangle --delete-chain
```

```
# =====
```

```
# Using connection state to by-pass rule checking
```

```
# =====
```

```
# Using the state module alone, INVALID will break protocols that use  
# bi-directional connections or multiple connections or exchanges,  
# unless an ALG is provided for the protocol. At this time, FTP and  
# IRC are the only protocols with ALG support.
```

```
$IPT -I INPUT 1 -p ALL -m state --state RELATED,ESTABLISHED -j ACCEPT  
$IPT -I OUTPUT 1 -p ALL -m state --state RELATED,ESTABLISHED -j ACCEPT  
#$IPT -A INPUT -m state --state ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEPT  
#$IPT -A OUTPUT -m state --state ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEPT  
# above 2 rules allow response to future rules using --state NEW
```

```
# Give this computer unrestricted access to the internet  
$IPT -A OUTPUT -p ALL -o $INTERFACE -j ACCEPT
```

```
# Set traffic on the loopback interface to unrestricted  
$IPT -A INPUT -i $LOOPBACK_INTERFACE -j ACCEPT  
$IPT -A OUTPUT -o $LOOPBACK_INTERFACE -j ACCEPT
```

```
# =====
```

```
# Allow lan to ping host
```

```
#$IPT -A INPUT -i $INTERFACE -p icmp \  
#--icmp-type echo-request -s $LAN \  
#-d $IPADDR -m state --state NEW -j ACCEPT
```

```
# Allow LAN/PORTA to ping host
```

```
$IPT -A INPUT -i $INTERFACE -p icmp -s $LAN \  
--icmp-type echo-request -d $IPADDR -j ACCEPT
```

```
$IPT -A OUTPUT -o $INTERFACE -p icmp -s $IPADDR \  
--icmp-type echo-reply -d $LAN -j ACCEPT
```

```
# =====
```

```
# Allow limited access to host
```

```
for f in $OPENPORTS; do  
    $IPT -A INPUT -i $INTERFACE -p tcp \  
    -s $LAN -d $IPADDR --dport $f \  
    -m state --state NEW -j ACCEPT  
done
```

Hope this helps.

Subject: Re: Host firewall

Posted by [Vasily Tarasov](#) on Thu, 11 May 2006 08:42:26 GMT

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Hello, the reason of this issue is that VPS and Host talk through interface venet0. So you have to tune iptables to work properly with this interface too.

Here is a small patch for your script.

You can easily change it if you wish some slightly other behaviour.

```
--- firewall.sh.back 2006-05-10 19:23:09.000000000 +0400
+++ firewall.sh 2006-05-10 20:40:00.000000000 +0400
@@ -97,6 +97,16 @@ $IPT -A INPUT -i $INTERFACE -p icmp -s $

$IPT -A OUTPUT -o $INTERFACE -p icmp -s $IPADDR \
--icmp-type echo-reply -d $LAN -j ACCEPT
+
+# Allow host to ping VPS
+VENET="venet0"
+VPSIP="192.168.0.102"
+$IPT -A OUTPUT -o $VENET -p icmp -s $IPADDR \
+--icmp-type echo-request -d $VPSIP -j ACCEPT
+# Allow host to receive ping from from VPS
+$IPT -A INPUT -i $VENET -p icmp -s $VPSIP \
+--icmp-type echo-request -d $IPADDR -j ACCEPT
+
# =====

# Allow limited access to host
```

Good luck.

Subject: Re: Host firewall

Posted by [ferp2](#) on Thu, 11 May 2006 12:44:43 GMT

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Yes, that's the solution. I should have realized communication between the host and vps occurs on the venet0 interface.

Thanks for your help.
