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Subject: Iptables, when to load rules in Centos 5.2 ?  
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Hello,

I am trying to run iptables on the HN and also the VEs.

I note that iptables rules are not automatically loaded on reboot in Centos 5.2.

The way I found to load iptables rules automatically was to add  
/etc/init.d/iptables start

to the  
/etc/rc.d/rc.local  
script inside the VEs and also the HN.

Is that the proper way to do it ?

On my other Debian installation I added the startup script to  
/etc/network/if-pre-up.d/iptables

I am used to administer iptables through webmin, but the Webmin setting "activate on boot" is ignored when running openvz on Debian and Centos.

Frankly, how Openvz handles iptables is a mystery to me, even after reading the docs backwards and forward.

Why does iptables need to be started "manually" under Openvz ?

Gerry

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Hi

You should just run the command:

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chkconfig iptables on
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This will automatically start iptables and load the rules on boot.

Remember to remove the entry you add to /etc/rc.local too

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