

# FireHOL Reference

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## 1 FireHOL Reference

### 1.1 Who should read this manual

This is a reference guide with specific detailed information on commands and configuration syntax for the FireHOL tool. The reference is unlikely to be suitable for newcomers to the tools, except as a means to look up more information on a particular command.

For tutorials and guides to using FireHOL and FireQOS, please visit the [website](#).

### 1.2 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.

### 1.3 Installation

You can download tar-file releases by visiting the [FireHOL website download area](#).

Unpack and change directory with:

```
tar xfz firehol-version.tar.gz
cd firehol-version
```

Options for the configure program can be seen in the INSTALL file and by running:

```
./configure --help
```

To build and install taking the default options:

```
./configure && make && sudo make install
```

Alternatively, just copy the `sbin/firehol.in` file to where you want it. All of the common SysVinit command line arguments are recognised which makes it easy to deploy the script as a startup service.

Packages are available for most distributions and you can use your distribution's standard commands (e.g. `aptitude`, `yum`, etc.) to install these.

#### **Note**

Distributions do not always offer the latest version. You can see what the latest release is on the [FireHOL website](#).

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## 1.5 Running and Configuring FireHOL

### 1.5.1 firehol(1)

#### 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(8)` tables (`mangle`, `nat`, `filter`) and pre-defined chains (`PREROUTING`, `INPUT`, `FORWARD`, `OUTPUT`, `POSTROUTING`).

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(1)`. 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(8)` use the `-E` and for `su(1)` 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 using `/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(8)` 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 prior to 2.0.0-pre4).

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

**save** Start the firewall and then save it using `iptables-save(8)` to the location given by `FIREHOL_AUTOSAVE`. See [firehol-variables\(5\)](#) for more information.

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(8)` statements.

**explain** Enters an interactive mode where FireHOL accepts normal configuration commands and presents the generated iptables(8) 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.

**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.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-variables\(5\)](#) - control variables
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)

## 1.5.2 firehol.conf(5)

### NAME

firehol.conf - FireHOL configuration

### DESCRIPTION

`/etc/firehol/firehol.conf` is the default configuration file for [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 6
```

See [firehol-version\(1\)](#) 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 [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) for full details.

By default FireHOL will try to create both IPv4 and IPv6 rules for each interface. To make this explicit or restrict which rules are created write `both interface`, `ipv4 interface` or `ipv6 interface`.

Note that IPv6 will be disabled silently if your system is not configured to use it. You can test this by looking for the file `/proc/net/ipv6`. The [IPv6 HOWTO](#) has more information.

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 [firehol-router\(5\)](#) for full details.

By default FireHOL will try to create both IPv4 and IPv6 rules for each router. To make this explicit or restrict which rules are created write `both router`, `ipv4 router` or `ipv6 router`.

It is simple to add extra service definitions which can then be used in the same way as those provided as standard. See [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.

Special control variables may be set up and used outside of any definition, see [firehol-variables\(5\)](#) as can the functions in [CONFIGURATION HELPER COMMANDS](#) and [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(8) 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 [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 [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:

```
# Setup service
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 provided (as per the example), FireHOL simply determines all of the combinations of client and server ports and generates multiple iptables(8) 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_myserver`. The best reference is the many such functions in the main `firehol(1)` script.

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

- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition
- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition

## SUBCOMMANDS

- [firehol-policy\(5\)](#) - policy command
- [firehol-protection\(5\)](#) - protection command
- [firehol-server\(5\)](#) - server, route commands
- [firehol-client\(5\)](#) - client command
- [firehol-group\(5\)](#) - group command

## HELPER COMMANDS

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

- [firehol-iptables\(5\)](#) - iptables helper
- [firehol-masquerade\(5\)](#) - masquerade helper

This helper can be used in `router` definitions as well as before any `router` or `interface`:

- [firehol-tcpmss\(5\)](#) - tcpmss helper

## CONFIGURATION HELPER COMMANDS

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

- [firehol-version\(5\)](#) - version config helper
- [firehol-action\(5\)](#) - action config helper
- [firehol-blacklist\(5\)](#) - blacklist config helper
- [firehol-classify\(5\)](#) - classify config helper
- [firehol-commmark\(5\)](#) - connmark config helper
- [firehol-dscp\(5\)](#) - dscp config helper
- [firehol-mac\(5\)](#) - mac config helper
- [firehol-mark\(5\)](#) - mark config helper
- [firehol-nat\(5\)](#) - nat, snat, dnat, redirect helpers
- [firehol-proxy\(5\)](#) - transparent proxy/squid helpers
- [firehol-tos\(5\)](#) - tos config helper
- [firehol-tosfix\(5\)](#) - tosfix config helper

## SEE ALSO

- [firehol\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol-variables\(5\)](#) - control variables
- [firehol-services\(5\)](#) - services list
- [firehol-actions\(5\)](#) - actions for rules
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)

### 1.5.3 firehol-variables(5)

#### NAME

firehol-variables - control variables for FireHOL

#### SYNOPSIS

Defaults:

- DEFAULT\_INTERFACE\_POLICY="DROP"
- DEFAULT\_ROUTER\_POLICY="RETURN"
- UNMATCHED\_INPUT\_POLICY="DROP"
- UNMATCHED\_OUTPUT\_POLICY="DROP"
- UNMATCHED\_FORWARD\_POLICY="DROP"
- FIREHOL\_INPUT\_ACTIVATION\_POLICY="ACCEPT"
- FIREHOL\_OUTPUT\_ACTIVATION\_POLICY="ACCEPT"
- FIREHOL\_FORWARD\_ACTIVATION\_POLICY="ACCEPT"
- FIREHOL\_LOG\_MODE="LOG"
- FIREHOL\_LOG\_LEVEL=*see notes*
- FIREHOL\_LOG\_OPTIONS="-log-level warning"
- FIREHOL\_LOG\_FREQUENCY="1/second"
- FIREHOL\_LOG\_BURST="5"
- FIREHOL\_LOG\_PREFIX=""
- FIREHOL\_DROP\_INVALID="0"
- DEFAULT\_CLIENT\_PORTS="1000:65535"
- FIREHOL\_NAT="0"
- FIREHOL\_ROUTING="0"
- FIREHOL\_AUTOSAVE=*see notes*
- FIREHOL\_AUTOSAVE6=*see notes*
- FIREHOL\_LOAD\_KERNEL\_MODULES="1"
- FIREHOL\_TRUST\_LOOPBACK="1"

- FIREHOL\_DROP\_ORPHAN\_TCP\_ACK\_FIN="0"
- FIREHOL\_DEBUGGING=""
- WAIT\_FOR\_IFACE=""

## 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(1)`. 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.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 `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`.

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 `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`.

Example:

```
DEFAULT_ROUTER_POLICY="REJECT"
```

**UNMATCHED\_{INPUT|OUTPUT|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 [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`.

Example:

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

#### **FIREHOL\_{INPUT|OUTPUT|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.

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.

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(8) 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 1: iptables/klogd levels

**Note**

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

**FIREHOL\_LOG\_OPTIONS** This variable controls the way in which events will be logged to syslog.

Example:

```
FIREHOL_LOG_OPTIONS="--log-level info \  
                    --log-tcp-options --log-ip-options"
```

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. `FIREHOL_LOG_FREQUENCY` is set to the maximum average frequency and `FIREHOL_LOG_BURST` specifies the maximum initial number.

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.

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. You may be better off using [firehol-protection\(5\)](#) to control matching of `INVALID` packets and others on a per-interface and per-router basis.

#### Note

Care must be taken on IPv6 interfaces, since ICMPv6 packets such as Neighbour Discovery are not tracked, meaning they are marked as `INVALID`.

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.

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.

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.

Example:

```
FIREHOL_ROUTING="1"
```

**FIREHOL\_AUTOSAVE; FIREHOL\_AUTOSAVE6** These variables specify the file of IPv4/IPv6 rules that will be created when **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.

Example:

```
FIREHOL_AUTOSAVE="/tmp/firehol-saved-ipv4.txt"  
FIREHOL_AUTOSAVE6="/tmp/firehol-saved-ipv6.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.

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).

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(8) 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.

Example:

```
FIREHOL_DROP_ORPHAN_TCP_ACK_FIN="1"
```

**FIREHOL\_DEBUGGING** If set to a non-empty value, switches on debug output so that it is possible to see what processing FireHOL is doing.

**Note**

This variable can *only* be set as an environment variable, since it is processed before any configuration files are read.

Example:

```
FIREHOL_DEBUGGING="Y"
```

**WAIT\_FOR\_IFACE** If set to the name of a network device (e.g. eth0), FireHOL will wait until the device is up (or until 60 seconds have elapsed) before continuing.

**Note**

This variable can *only* be set as an environment variable, since it determines when the main configuration file will be processed.

A device does not need to be up in order to have firewall rules created for it, so this option should only be used if you have a specific need to wait (e.g. the network must be queried to determine the hosts or ports which will be firewalled).

Example:

```
WAIT_FOR_IFACE="eth0"
```

**SEE ALSO**

- [firehol\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration

- [firehol-nat\(5\)](#) - nat, snat, dnat, redirect helpers
- [firehol-actions\(5\)](#) - actions for rules
- [iptables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv4 firewalls
- [ip6tables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv6 firewalls
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)

### 1.5.4 firehol-modifiers(5)

#### NAME

firehol-modifiers - select IPv4 or IPv6 mode

#### SYNOPSIS

*ipv4 definition-or-command argument...*

*ipv6 definition-or-command argument...*

#### DESCRIPTION

Without a modifier, interface and router definitions and commands that come before either will be applied to both IPv4 and IPV6. Commands within an `interface` or `router` assume the same behaviour as the enclosing definition.

When preceded by a modifier, the command or definition can be made to apply to IPv4 or IPv6 only. Note that you cannot create an IPv4 only command within and IPv6 interface or vice-versa.

Examples:

```
interface eth0 myboth src4 192.0.2.0/24 src6 2001:DB8::/24
  ipv4 server http accept
  ipv6 server http accept
```

```
ipv4 interface eth0 my4only src 192.0.2.0/24
  server http accept
```

```
ipv6 interface eth0 my6only src 2001:DB8::/24
  server http accept
```

Many definitions and commands have explicitly named variants (such as `router4`, `router6`, `router46`) which can be used as shorthand.

#### SEE ALSO

- [firehol\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition
- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition

- [firehol-policy\(5\)](#) - policy command
- [firehol-protection\(5\)](#) - protection command
- [firehol-server\(5\)](#) - server, route commands
- [firehol-client\(5\)](#) - client command
- [firehol-group\(5\)](#) - group command
- [firehol-iptables\(5\)](#) - iptables helper
- [firehol-masquerade\(5\)](#) - masquerade helper
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## 1.6 Definition Commands for FireHOL

### 1.6.1 firehol-interface(5)

#### NAME

firehol-interface - interface definition

#### SYNOPSIS

```
{ interface | interface46 } real-interface name rule-params
```

```
interface4 real-interface name rule-params
```

```
interface6 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 from those listed in **INTERFACE SUBCOMMANDS**.

#### 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 **firehol-router(5)**).

#### Note

Writing **interface4** is equivalent to writing **ipv4 interface** and ensures the defined interface is created only in the IPv4 firewall along with any rules within it.

Writing **interface6** is equivalent to writing **ipv6 interface** and ensures the defined interface is created only in the IPv6 firewall along with any rules within it.

Writing **interface46** is equivalent to writing **both interface** and ensures the defined interface is created in both the IPv4 and IPv6 firewalls. Any rules within it will also be applied to both, unless they specify otherwise.

## PARAMETERS

***real-interface*** This is the interface name as shown by `ip link show`. Generally anything iptables(8) 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 [firehol-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.conf\(5\)](#) for an explanation of `${UNROUTABLE_IPS}`.

## SEE ALSO

- [firehol\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [firehol-modifiers\(5\)](#) - ipv4/ipv6 selection
- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition
- [firehol-iptables\(5\)](#) - iptables helper
- [firehol-masquerade\(5\)](#) - masquerade helper
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## Interface Subcommands

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

## 1.6.2 firehol-router(5)

### NAME

firehol-router - create a router definition

### SYNOPSIS

```
{ router | router46 } name rule-params
```

```
router4 name rule-params
```

```
router6 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 from those listed in [ROUTER SUBCOMMANDS](#).

#### Note

Writing **router4** is equivalent to writing **ipv4 router** and ensures the defined router is created only in the IPv4 firewall along with any rules within it.

Writing **router6** is equivalent to writing **ipv6 router** and ensures the defined router is created only in the IPv6 firewall along with any rules within it.

Writing **router46** is equivalent to writing **both router** and ensures the defined router is created in both the IPv4 and IPv6 firewalls. Any rules within it will also be applied to both, unless they specify otherwise.

### 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 [firehol-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.conf\(5\)](#) for an explanation of `${UNROUTABLE_IPS}`.

## WORKING WITH ROUTERS

Routers create stateful iptables(8) 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` [firehol-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\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [firehol-modifiers\(5\)](#) - ipv4/ipv6 selection
- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition
- [firehol-iptables\(5\)](#) - iptables helper
- [firehol-masquerade\(5\)](#) - masquerade helper
- [FireHOL Website](#)
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## Router Subcommands

- [firehol-policy\(5\)](#) - policy command
- [firehol-protection\(5\)](#) - protection command
- [firehol-server\(5\)](#) - server, route commands
- [firehol-client\(5\)](#) - client command
- [firehol-group\(5\)](#) - group command
- [firehol-tcpmss\(5\)](#) - tcpmss helper

## 1.7 Interface/Router Subcommands for FireHOL

### 1.7.1 firehol-policy(5)

#### NAME

firehol-policy - set default action for an interface or router

#### 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 [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 be used to create valid “accept by default” firewalls.

#### EXAMPLE

```
interface eth0 intranet src 192.0.2.0/24
# I trust this interface absolutely
policy accept
```

#### SEE ALSO

- [firehol\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration

- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition
- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition
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## 1.7.2 firehol-protection(5)

### NAME

firehol-protection - add extra protections to a definition

### SYNOPSIS

```
protection [reverse] strong [requests/period [burst]]
protection [reverse] flood-protection-type [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 values *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 by using a single command and 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 [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
```

## KNOWN ISSUES

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\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition
- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition
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### 1.7.3 firehol-server(5)

#### NAME

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

#### SYNOPSIS

{ server | server46 } *service action rule-params*

server4 *service action rule-params*

server6 *service action rule-params*

{ route | route46 } *service action rule-params*

route4 *service action rule-params*

route6 *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 multi-socket 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 [firehol-services\(5\)](#). Multiple services may be specified, space delimited in quotes.

The *action* can be any of the actions listed in [firehol-actions\(5\)](#).

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

#### Note

Writing **server4** is equivalent to writing **ipv4 server** and ensures this subcommand is applied only in the IPv4 firewall rules.

Writing **server6** is equivalent to writing **ipv6 server** and ensures this subcommand is applied only in the IPv6 firewall rules.

Writing **server46** is equivalent to writing **both server** and ensures this subcommand is applied in both the IPv4 and IPv6 firewall rules; it cannot be used as part an interface or router that is IPv4 or IPv6 only.

The default `server` inherits its behaviour from the enclosing interface or router.

The same rules apply to the variations of `route`.

## 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\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-modifiers\(5\)](#) - ipv4/ipv6 selection
- [firehol-services\(5\)](#) - services list
- [firehol-actions\(5\)](#) - actions for rules
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [firehol-client\(5\)](#) - client subcommand
- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition
- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition
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### 1.7.4 firehol-client(5)

#### NAME

firehol-client - client command

#### SYNOPSIS

{ client | client46 } *service action* [*rule-params*]

client4 *service action* [*rule-params*]

client6 *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 [firehol-services\(5\)](#). Multiple services may be specified, space delimited in quotes.

The *action* can be any of the actions listed in [firehol-actions\(5\)](#).

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

#### Note

Writing `client4` is equivalent to writing `ipv4 client` and ensures this subcommand is applied only in the IPv4 firewall rules.

Writing `client6` is equivalent to writing `ipv6 client` and ensures this subcommand is applied only in the IPv6 firewall rules.

Writing `client46` is equivalent to writing `both client` and ensures this subcommand is applied in both the IPv4 and IPv6 firewall rules; it cannot be used as part an interface or router that is IPv4 or IPv6 only.

The default `client` inherits its behaviour from the enclosing interface or router.

## 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\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-modifiers\(5\)](#) - ipv4/ipv6 selection
- [firehol-services\(5\)](#) - services list
- [firehol-actions\(5\)](#) - actions for rules
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [firehol-server\(5\)](#) - server subcommand
- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition
- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition
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### 1.7.5 firehol-group(5)

#### 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 [firehol-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 telnet accept
  server ssh accept
group end
```

## SEE ALSO

- [firehol\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition
- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
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## 1.8 Optional Parameters and Actions for FireHOL

### 1.8.1 firehol-params(5)

#### NAME

firehol-params - optional rule parameters

#### SYNOPSIS

##### *Common*

{ src | src4 | src6 } [not] *host*

{ dst | dst4 | dst6 } [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*

iface [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*]

##### *Other*

sport *port*

dport *port*

## 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 keyword `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

### `src, dst`

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:

```
server4 smtp accept src not 192.0.2.1
server4 smtp accept dst 198.51.100.1
server4 smtp accept src not 192.0.2.1 dst 198.51.100.1
server6 smtp accept src not 2001:DB8:1::/64
server6 smtp accept dst 2001:DB8:2::/64
server6 smtp accept src not 2001:DB8:1::/64 dst 2001:DB8:2::/64
```

When attempting to create rules for both IPv4 and IPv6 it is generally easier to use the `src4`, `src6`, `dst4` and `dst6` pairs:

```
server46 smtp accept src4 192.0.2.1 src6 2001:DB8:1::/64
server46 smtp accept dst4 198.51.100.1 dst6 2001:DB8:2::/64
server46 smtp accept dst4 $d4 dst6 $d6 src4 not $d4 src6 not $s6
```

To keep the rules sane, if one of the 4/6 pair specifies `not`, then so must the other. If you do not want to use both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses, you must specify the rule as IPv4 or IPv6 only. It is always possible to write a second IPv4 or IPv6 only rule.

### **srctype, dsttype**

Use **srctype** or **dsttype** to define the source or destination IP address type of the request. *type* 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"
```

### **proto**

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

### **mac**

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"
```

## **dscp**

Use **dscp** to match the DSCP field on packets. For details on DSCP values and classids, see [firehol-dscp\(5\)](#).

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

## **mark**

Use **mark** to match marks set on packets. For details on mark ids, see [firehol-mark\(5\)](#).

```
server smtp accept mark not "20 55"
```

## **tos**

Use **tos** to match the TOS field on packets. For details on TOS ids, see [firehol-tos\(5\)](#).

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

## **custom**

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**

### **iface, outface**

Use **iface** and **outface** to define the *interface* via which a request is received and forwarded respectively. Use the same format as [firehol-interface\(5\)](#). Examples:

```
server smtp accept iface not eth0  
server smtp accept iface not "eth0 eth1"  
server smtp accept iface eth0 outface eth1
```

### **physin, physout**

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 [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.

#### **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.

### **uid**

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
```

### **gid**

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.

### **LOGGING**

### **log, loglimit**

Use `log` or `loglimit` to log matching packets to syslog. Unlike `iptables(8)` logging, this is not an action: FireHOL will produce multiple `iptables(8)` 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 [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.

## **LESSER USED PARAMETERS**

### **dport, sport**

FireHOL also provides `dport`, `sport` and `limit` which are used internally and rarely needed within configuration files.

`dport` and `sport` require an argument *port* which can be a name, number, range (FROM:TO) or a quoted list of ports.

For `dport` *port* specifies the destination port of a request and can be useful when matching traffic to helper commands (such as `nat`) where there is no implicit port.

For `sport` *port* specifies the source port of a request and can be useful when matching traffic to helper commands (such as `nat`) where there is no implicit port.

### **limit**

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

## **SEE ALSO**

- [firehol\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-server\(5\)](#) - server, route commands
- [firehol-client\(5\)](#) - client command
- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition

- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition
- [firehol-mark\(5\)](#) - mark config helper
- [firehol-tos\(5\)](#) - tos config helper
- [firehol-dscp\(5\)](#) - dscp config helper
- [firehol-variables\(5\)](#) - control variables
- [iptables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv4 firewalls
- [ip6tables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv6 firewalls
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)

## 1.8.2 firehol-actions(5)

### NAME

firehol-actions - actions for rules

### 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 more information see [log](#) and [loglimit](#).

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 *requests/period burst* [*overflow action*]**

`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 *name seconds hits***

`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 *name***

`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**

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

#### **reject with *message***

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 [REJECT WITH MESSAGES](#) 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 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 MESSAGES**

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** ICMP communication with destination host administratively prohibited

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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\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition
- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
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## 1.9 Helper Commands for FireHOL

### 1.9.1 firehol-iptables(5)

#### NAME

firehol-iptables - include custom iptables commands

#### SYNOPSIS

iptables *argument*...

ip6tables *argument*...

#### DESCRIPTION

The `iptables` and `ip6tables` helper commands pass all of their *arguments* to the real `iptables(8)` or `ip6tables(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` or `/sbin/ip6tables` directly in a FireHOL configuration as they will run before FireHOL activates its firewall. This means that the commands are applied to the previously running firewall, not the new firewall, and will be lost when the new firewall is activated.

The `iptables` and `ip6tables` helpers are provided to allow you to hook in commands safely.

#### SEE ALSO

- [firehol\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [iptables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv4 firewalls
- [ip6tables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv6 firewalls
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## 1.9.2 firehol-masquerade(5)

### 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 given, then the definition's `iface(s)` will be used, if specified.

Unlike most commands, `masquerade` does not inherit its parent definition's *rule-params*, it only honours its own. The `iface` and `outface` parameters should not be used (`iptables(8)` does not support `iface` 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 [firehol-variables\(5\)](#)) and FireHOL 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\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition
- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [firehol-nat\(5\)](#) - nat, snat, dnat, redirect config helpers
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)

### 1.9.3 firehol-tcpmss(5)

#### 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 `outface(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\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition
- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition

- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)
- [TCPMSS target in the iptables tutorial](#)

## 1.10 Configuration Helper Commands for FireHOL

### 1.10.1 firehol-version(5)

#### NAME

firehol-version - set version number of configuration file

#### SYNOPSIS

version 6

#### 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.

#### Note

If you pass version 5 to FireHOL, it will disable IPv6 support and warn you that you must update your configuration.

#### SEE ALSO

- [firehol\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)

### 1.10.2 firehol-action(5)

#### NAME

firehol-action - set up custom filter actions

#### SYNOPSIS

action chain *name action*

#### DESCRIPTION

The *action* helper command creates an iptables(8) 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 [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\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-actions\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [iptables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv4 firewalls
- [ip6tables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv6 firewalls
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### 1.10.3 firehol-blacklist(5)

#### 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\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
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#### 1.10.4 firehol-classify(5)

##### NAME

firehol-classify - classify traffic for traffic shaping 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(8)` and `tc(8)` (e.g. MAJOR:MINOR).

The *rule-params* define a set of rule parameters to match the traffic that is to be classified. See [firehol-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-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [iptables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv4 firewalls
- [ip6tables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv6 firewalls
- `tc(8)` - show / manipulate traffic control settings
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)
- [Linux Advanced Routing & Traffic Control HOWTO](#)

### 1.10.5 firehol-connmk(5)

#### NAME

firehol-connmk - set a stateful mark on a connection

#### SYNOPSIS

```
connmk { value | save | restore } chain rule-params
```

#### DESCRIPTION

The `connmk` 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 [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 connmk. If you specify `restore` then the matched packet will have its mark set to the current connmk.

The *chain* will be used to find traffic to mark. It can be any of the iptables(8) 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 [firehol-params\(5\)](#) for more details.

Any `connmk` 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
connmk 1 PREROUTING inface eth1
connmk 2 PREROUTING inface eth2

# restore the mark (from the connmk) when packets arrive from the LAN
connmk restore OUTPUT
connmk restore PREROUTING inface eth0
```

It is then possible to use the commands from iproute2 such as `ip(8)`, to pick the correct routing table based on the mark on the packets.

#### SEE ALSO

- [firehol\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [firehol-mark\(5\)](#) - mark traffic for traffic shaping tools
- [iptables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv4 firewalls
- [ip6tables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv6 firewalls
- [ip\(8\)](#) - show / manipulate routing, devices, policy routing and tunnels
- [FireHOL Website](#)
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## 1.10.6 firehol-dscp(5)

### 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 [firehol-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(8) 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(8) 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 [firehol-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

# 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\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [iptables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv4 firewalls
- [ip6tables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv6 firewalls
- [ip\(8\)](#) - show / manipulate routing, devices, policy routing and tunnels
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- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)
- [Linux Advanced Routing & Traffic Control HOWTO](#)

### 1.10.7 firehol-mac(5)

#### 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 [firehol-params\(5\)](#)).

The `mac` helper command DROPS traffic from the *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 `[LOGGING]` in [firehol-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\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)

### 1.10.8 firehol-mark(5)

#### 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 [firehol-connmk\(5\)](#). There is also a `mark` parameter which allows matching marks within individual rules (see [firehol-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(8) 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 [firehol-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(8) 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\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [firehol-connmmark\(5\)](#) - set a stateful mark on a connection
- [iptables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv4 firewalls
- [ip6tables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv6 firewalls
- [ip\(8\)](#) - show / manipulate routing, devices, policy routing and tunnels
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)
- [Linux Advanced Routing & Traffic Control HOWTO](#)

### 1.10.9 firehol-nat(5)

#### NAME

firehol-nat - set up NAT and port redirections

#### SYNOPSIS

```
{ nat to-destination | dnat [to] } ipaddr[:port] [rule-params]  
{ nat to-source | snat [to] } ipaddr[:port] [rule-params]  
{ nat redirect-to | redirect [to] } port[-range] [rule-params]
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Destination NAT is provided by `nat to-destination` and its synonym `dnat`.

Source NAT is provided by `nat to-source` and its synonym `snat`.

Redirection to a port on the local host is provided by `nat redirect-to` and its synonym `redirect`.

The *port* part of the new address is optional with SNAT and DNAT; if not specified it will not be changed.

When you apply NAT to a packet, the Linux kernel will track the changes it makes, so that when it sees replies the transformation will be applied in the opposite direction. For instance if you changed the destination port of a packet from 80 to 8080, when a reply comes back, its source is set as 80. This means the original sender is not aware a transformation is happening.

#### Note

The *rule-params* are used only to determine the traffic that will be matched for NAT in these commands, not to permit traffic to flow.

Applying NAT does not automatically create rules to allow the traffic to pass. You will still need to include client or server entries in an interface or router to allow the traffic.

When using `dnat` or `redirect`, the transformation is in the PRE-ROUTING chain of the NAT table and happens before normal rules are matched, so your client or server rule should match the “modified” traffic.

When using `snat`, the transformation is in the POSTROUTING chain of the NAT table and happens after normal rules are matched, so your client or server rule should match the “unmodified” traffic.

See the [netfilter flow diagram](#) if you would like to see how network packets are processed by the kernel in detail.

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

**to-destination *ipaddr[:port]*** Defines a Destination NAT (DNAT). Commonly thought of as port-forwarding (where packets destined for the firewall with a given port and protocol are sent to a different IP address and possibly port), DNAT is much more flexible in that any number of parameters can be matched before the destination information is rewritten.

*ipaddr[:port]* 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.

*ipaddr[:port]* accepts any `--to-destination` values that `iptables(8)` accepts. Run `iptables -j DNAT --help` for more information. Multiple *ipaddr[:port]* may be specified by separating with spaces and enclosing with quotes.

**to-source *ipaddr[:port]*** Defines a Source NAT (SNAT). SNAT is similar to masquerading but is more efficient for static IP addresses. You can use it to give a public IP address to a host which does not have one behind the firewall. See also [firehol-masquerade\(5\)](#).

*ipaddr[:port]* 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.

*ipaddr[:port]* accepts any `--to-source` values that `iptables(8)` accepts. Run `iptables -j SNAT --help` for more information. Multiple *ipaddr[:port]* may be specified by separating with spaces and enclosing with quotes.

**redirect-to *port[-range]*** Redirect matching traffic to the local machine. This is typically useful if you want to intercept some traffic and process it on the local machine.

*port[-range]* 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

```
# Port forwarding HTTP
dnat to 192.0.2.2 proto tcp dport 80
```

```

# Port forwarding HTTPS on to a different port internally
dnat to 192.0.2.2:4443 proto tcp dport 443

# Fix source for traffic leaving the firewall via eth0 with private address
snat to 198.51.100.1 outface eth0 src 192.168.0.0/24

# Transparent squid (running on the firewall) for some hosts
redirect to 8080 inface eth0 src 198.51.100.0/24 proto tcp dport 80

# 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

```

## SEE ALSO

- [firehol\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition
- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [firehol-masquerade\(5\)](#) - masquerade helper
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)

- [NAT HOWTO](#)
- [netfilter flow diagram](#)

### 1.10.10 firehol-proxy(5)

#### NAME

firehol-proxy - set up a transparent TCP, HTTP or squid 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.

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

#### 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 [firehol-params\(5\)](#) for more details.

For traffic destined for the firewall host or passing through the firewall, do not use the `outface` parameter 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 that traffic generated by the local user(s) `user`. The `iface`, `outface` and `src rule-params` are all ignored for locally-generated traffic.

#### EXAMPLES

```
transparent_proxy 80 3128 squid iface eth0 src 192.0.2.0/24
transparent_squid 3128 squid iface eth0 src 192.0.2.0/24
```

```
transparent_proxy "80 3128 8080" 3128 "squid privoxy root bin" \
    iface not "ppp+ ipsec+" dst not "a.not.proxied.server"
transparent_squid "80 3128 8080" "squid privoxy root bin" \
    iface not "ppp+ ipsec+" dst not "non.proxied.server"
```

## SEE ALSO

- [firehol\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-interface\(5\)](#) - interface definition
- [firehol-router\(5\)](#) - router definition
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [firehol-nat\(5\)](#) - nat, snat, dnat, redirect config helpers
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)

### 1.10.11 firehol-tos(5)

#### 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 [firehol-params\(5\)](#)).

The *value* can be an integer number (decimal or hexadecimal) or one of the descriptive values accepted by `iptables(8)` (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(8)` built in chains belonging to the `mangle` table. The chain names are: `INPUT`, `FORWARD`, `OUTPUT`, `PREROUTING` and `POSTROUTING`. These 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 [firehol-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\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-params\(5\)](#) - optional rule parameters
- [firehol-tosfix\(5\)](#) - tosfix config helper
- [iptables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv4 firewalls
- [ip6tables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv6 firewalls
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)

### 1.10.12 firehol-tosfix(5)

#### 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 shaping 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.

#### EXAMPLE

tosfix

#### SEE ALSO

- [firehol\(1\)](#) - FireHOL program
- [firehol.conf\(5\)](#) - FireHOL configuration
- [firehol-tos\(5\)](#) - tosfix config helper
- [iptables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv4 firewalls
- [ip6tables\(8\)](#) - administration tool for IPv6 firewalls
- [FireHOL Website](#)
- [FireHOL Online PDF Manual](#)
- [FireHOL Online HTML Manual](#)

## 2 Services Reference for FireHOL

### 2.0.13 firehol-services(5)

#### NAME

firehol-services - FireHOL services list

#### SYNOPSIS

AH all amanda any anystateless apcupsd apcupsdnis aptproxy asterisk  
cups custom cvspserver  
darkstat daytime dcc dcpp dhcp dhcrelay dhcpv6 dict distcc dns  
echo emule eserver ESP  
finger ftp  
gift giftui gkrellmd GRE  
h323 heartbeat http httpalt https hylafax  
iax iax2 ICMP icmp ICMPV6 icmpv6 icp ident imap imaps ipsecnatt ipv6error  
ipv6neigh ipv6router irc isakmp  
jabber jabberd  
l2tp ldap ldaps lpd  
microsoft\_ds mms msn msnp ms\_ds multicast mysql  
netbackup netbios\_dgm netbios\_ns netbios\_ssn nfs nis nntp nntps nrpe ntp  
nut nxserver  
openvpn oracle OSPF  
ping pop3 pop3s portmap postgres pptp privoxy  
radius radiusold radiusoldproxy radiusproxy rdp rndc rsyslog rtp  
samba sane sip smtp smtps snmp snmptrap socks squid ssh stun submission  
sunrpc swat syslog  
telnet tftp time timestamp tomcat  
upnp uucp  
vmware vmwareauth vmwareweb vnc  
webcache webmin whois  
xbox xdmcp

#### DESCRIPTION

**service: AH**

**IPSec Authentication Header (AH) Example:**

```
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](#).

**service: all**

**Match all traffic Example:**

```
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 irc*

**service: amanda**

**Advanced Maryland Automatic Network Disk Archiver** Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/10080

Client Ports:

- default

Netfilter Modules

- nf\_conntrack\_amanda [CONFIG\\_NF\\_CONTRACK\\_AMANDA](#)

Netfilter NAT Modules

- nf\_nat\_amanda [CONFIG\\_NF\\_NAT\\_AMANDA](#)

Links

- [Homepage](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: any**

**Match all traffic (without modules or indirect)** Example:

```
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 [firehol-params\(5\)](#) this service can match unusual traffic (e.g. GRE - protocol 47).

Note that you have to supply your own name in addition to “any”.

**service: anystateless**

**Match all traffic statelessly** Example:

```
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 [firehol-params\(5\)](#) 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.

Note that you have to supply your own name in addition to “anystateless”.

**service: apcupsd**

**APC UPS Daemon** Example:

```
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 Fire-HOL service definition using the procedures described in [Adding Services](#) in [firehol.conf\(5\)](#).

#### **service: apcupsdnis**

#### **APC UPS Daemon Network Information Server Example:**

```
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.

**service: aptproxy**

**Advanced Packaging Tool Proxy Example:**

```
server aptproxy accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/9999

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: asterisk**

**Asterisk PABX Example:**

```
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](#), [h323](#), [rtp](#), etc. at the firewall level, if you enable the relative channel drivers of asterisk.

**service: cups**

**Common UNIX Printing System Example:**

```
server cups accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/631 udp/631

Client Ports:

- any

Links

- [Homepage](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: custom**

**Custom definitions Example:**

```
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-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 [Adding Services](#) in [firehol.conf\(5\)](#).

#### **service: cvspserver**

##### **Concurrent Versions System** Example:

```
server cvspserver accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/2401

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)

#### **service: darkstat**

##### **Darkstat network traffic analyser** Example:

```
server darkstat accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/666

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)

**service: daytime**

**Daytime Protocol Example:**

```
server daytime accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/13

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: dcc**

**Distributed Checksum Clearinghouse Example:**

```
server dcc accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/6277

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

Notes

See also this [DCC FAQ](#).

### **service: dcpp**

**Direct Connect++ P2P** Example:

```
server dcpp accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/1412 udp/1412

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)

### **service: dhcp**

**Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol** Example:

```
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 be 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
```

For example: interface eth0 dhcp policy return server dhcp accept  
interface eth0 lan src “mylan”dst”myip” client all accept

This service implicitly sets its client or server to ipv4 mode.

**service: dhcprelay**

**DHCP Relay Example:**

```
server dhcprelay accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/67

Client Ports:

- 67

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](#)

**service: dhcpv6**

**Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol for IPv6** Example:

```
server dhcp accept
client dhcp accept
```

Service Type:

- complex

Server Ports:

- udp/547

Client Ports:

- udp/546

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

## Notes

The dhcp service is implemented as stateless rules. It cannot be stateful as the connection tracker will not match a unicast reply to a broadcast request. Further, if you wish to add src/dst rule parameters, you must account for both the broadcast and link-local network prefixes.

Clients broadcast from a link-local address to the multicast address ff02::1:2 on UDP port 547 to find a server. The server sends a unicast reply back to the client which listens on UDP port 546.

For a FireHOL interface, creating a client will allow sending to port 547 and receiving on port 546. Creating a server allows sending to port 546 and receiving on port 547.

Unlike DHCP for IPv4, the source ports to be used are not defined in DHCPv6 - see section 5.2 of [RFC3315](#). Some servers are known to make use of this to send from arbitrary ports, so FireHOL does not assume a source port.

This service implicitly sets its client or server to ipv6 mode.

## service: dict

### Dictionary Server Protocol Example:

```
server dict accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/2628

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

Notes

See [RFC2229](#).

**service: distcc**

**Distributed CC Example:**

```
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](#).

**service: dns**

**Domain Name System Example:**

```
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.

#### **service: echo**

##### **Echo Protocol Example:**

```
server echo accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/7

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

#### **service: emule**

##### **eMule (Donkey network client) Example:**

```
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 `firehol-client(5)` command to match the eMule client.

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

#### **service: eserver**

#### **eDonkey network server** Example:

```
server eserver accept
```

#### Service Type:

- simple

#### Server Ports:

- tcp/4661 udp/4661 udp/4665

#### Client Ports:

- any

#### Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: ESP**

**IPSec Encapsulated Security Payload (ESP) Example:**

```
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](#).

**service: finger**

**Finger Protocol Example:**

```
server finger accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/79

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: ftp**

**File Transfer Protocol** Example:

```
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.

**service: gift**

**giFT Internet File Transfer** Example:

```
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](#).

**service: giftui**

**giFT Internet File Transfer User Interface Example:**

```
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](#).

**service: gkrellmd**

**GKrellM Daemon Example:**

```
server gkrellmd accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/19150

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: GRE**

**Generic Routing Encapsulation Example:**

```
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](#).

### **service: h323**

#### **H.323 VoIP** Example:

```
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](#)

**service: heartbeat**

**HeartBeat Example:**

```
server heartbeat accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/690:699

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)

Notes

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

**service: http**

**Hypertext Transfer Protocol Example:**

```
server http accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/80

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: httpalt**

**HTTP alternate port** Example:

```
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](#) port is not available or can or should not be used.

**service: https**

**Secure Hypertext Transfer Protocol** Example:

```
server https accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/443

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: hylafax**

**HylaFAX** Example:

```
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).

**service: iax**

**Inter-Asterisk eXchange** Example:

```
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](#).

**service: iax2**

**Inter-Asterisk eXchange v2** Example:

```
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](#).

**service: ICMP**

**Internet Control Message Protocol** Example:

```
server ICMP accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- icmp/any

Client Ports:

- any

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: icmp**

**Internet Control Message Protocol** Alias for **ICMP**

**service: ICMPV6**

**Internet Control Message Protocol v6** Example:

```
server ICMPV6 accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- icmpv6/any

Client Ports:

- any

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: icmpv6**

**Internet Control Message Protocol v6** Alias for **ICMPV6**

**service: icp**

**Internet Cache Protocol** Example:

```
server icp accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/3130

Client Ports:

- 3130

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: ident**

**Identification Protocol** Example:

```
server ident reject with tcp-reset
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/113

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: imap**

**Internet Message Access Protocol Example:**

```
server imap accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/143

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: imaps**

**Secure Internet Message Access Protocol Example:**

```
server imaps accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/993

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: ipsecnatt**

**NAT traversal and IPsec Service Type:**

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/4500

Client Ports:

- any

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: ipv6error**

**ICMPv6 Error Handling Example:**

```
server ipv6error accept
```

Service Type:

- complex

Server Ports:

- N/A

Client Ports:

- N/A

Notes

Not all icmpv6 error types should be treated equally inbound and outbound.

The ipv6error rule wraps all of them in the following way: \* allow incoming messages only for existing sessions \* allow outgoing messages always

The following ICMPv6 messages are handled:

- destination-unreachable
- packet-too-big

- ttl-zero-during-transit
- ttl-zero-during-reassembly
- unknown-header-type
- unknown-option

Interfaces should always have this set:

```
server ipv6error accept
```

In a router with inface being internal and outface being external the following will meet the recommendations of [RFC 4890](#):

```
server ipv6error accept
```

Do not use: `client ipv6error accept` unless you are controlling traffic on a router interface where outface is the internal destination.

This service implicitly sets its client or server to ipv6 mode.

### service: ipv6neigh

#### IPv6 Neighbour discovery Example:

```
client ipv6neigh accept
server ipv6neigh accept
```

Service Type:

- complex

Server Ports:

- N/A

Client Ports:

- N/A

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

Notes

IPv6 uses the Neighbour Discovery Protocol to do automatic configuration of routes and to replace ARP. To allow this functionality the network neighbour and router solicitation/advertisement messages should be enabled on each interface.

These rules are stateless since advertisement can happen automatically as well as on solicitation.

Neighbour discovery (incoming) should always be enabled:

```
server ipv6neigh accept
```

Neighbour advertisement (outgoing) should always be enabled:

```
client ipv6neigh accept
```

The rules should not be used to pass packets across a firewall (e.g. in a router definition) unless the firewall is for a bridge.

This service implicitly sets its client or server to ipv6 mode.

### **service: ipv6router**

#### **IPv6 Router discovery** Example:

```
client ipv6router accept
```

Service Type:

- complex

Server Ports:

- N/A

Client Ports:

- N/A

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

Notes

IPv6 uses the Neighbour Discovery Protocol to do automatic configuration of routes and to replace ARP. To allow this functionality the network neighbour and router solicitation/advertisement messages should be enabled on each interface.

These rules are stateless since advertisement can happen automatically as well as on solicitation.

Router discovery (incoming) should always be enabled:

```
client ipv6router accept
```

Router advertisement (outgoing) should be enabled on a host that routes:

```
server ipv6router accept
```

The rules should not be used to pass packets across a firewall (e.g. in a router definition) unless the firewall is for a bridge.

This service implicitly sets its client or server to ipv6 mode.

**service: irc**

**Internet Relay Chat Example:**

```
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](#)

**service: isakmp**

**Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol (IKE)**

Example:

```
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](#)

**service: jabber**

**Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol** Example:

```
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.

**service: jabberd**

**Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol (Server)** Example:

```
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](#).

**service: l2tp**

**Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol** Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/1701

Client Ports:

- any

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: ldap**

**Lightweight Directory Access Protocol** Example:

```
server ldap accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/389

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

### **service: ldaps**

**Secure Lightweight Directory Access Protocol** Example:

```
server ldaps accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/636

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

### **service: lpd**

**Line Printer Daemon Protocol** Example:

```
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).

**service: microsoft-ds**

**Direct Hosted (NETBIOS-less) SMB Example:**

```
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](#). 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](#) ports, so that either direct hosted or traditional SMB can be served simultaneously.

Please refer to the [netbios\\_ssn](#) for more information.

**service: mms**

**Microsoft Media Server Example:**

```
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).

**service: msn**

**Microsoft MSN Messenger Service Example:**

```
server msn accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/1863 udp/1863

Client Ports:

- default

**service: msnp**

**msnp** Example:

```
server msnp accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/6891

Client Ports:

- default

**service: ms-ds**

**Direct Hosted (NETBIOS-less) SMB** Alias for [microsoft\\_ds](#)

**service: multicast**

**Multicast** Example:

```
server multicast reject with proto-unreach
```

Service Type:

- complex

Server Ports:

- N/A

Client Ports:

- N/A

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

Notes

The multicast service matches all packets sent to the \$MULTICAST\_IPS addresses using IGMP or UDP. For IPv4 that means 224.0.0.0/4 and for IPv6 FF00::/16.

**service: mysql**

**MySQL Example:**

```
server mysql accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/3306

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: netbackup**

**Veritas NetBackup service Example:**

```
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.

**service: netbios-dgm**

**NETBIOS Datagram Distribution Service Example:**

```
server netbios_dgm accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/138

Client Ports:

- any

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

Notes

See also the [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.

**service: netbios-ns**

**NETBIOS Name Service Example:**

```
server netbios_ns accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/137

Client Ports:

- any

#### Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

#### Notes

See also the [samba](#).

### **service: netbios-ssn**

#### **NETBIOS Session Service** Example:

```
server netbios_ssn accept
```

#### Service Type:

- simple

#### Server Ports:

- tcp/139

#### Client Ports:

- default

#### Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

#### Notes

See also the [samba](#).

Please keep in mind that newer NETBIOS clients prefer to use port 445 ([microsoft\\_ds](#)) 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](#) with a tcp-reset message:

```
server microsoft_ds reject with tcp-reset
```

**service: nfs**

**Network File System Example:**

```
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` 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][NFS Howto]. If you do this then you will have to define the the ports using the procedure described in [Adding Services in firehol.conf\(5\)](#).

[NFS Howto]: [http://nfs.sourceforge.net/nfs-howto/ar01s06.html#nfs\\_firewalls](http://nfs.sourceforge.net/nfs-howto/ar01s06.html#nfs_firewalls)

**service: nis**

**Network Information Service** Example:

```
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** 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.

**service: nntp**

**Network News Transfer Protocol Example:**

```
server nntp accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/119

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: nntps**

**Secure Network News Transfer Protocol Example:**

```
server nntps accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/563

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: nrpe**

**Nagios NRPE** Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/5666

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: ntp**

**Network Time Protocol** Example:

```
server ntp accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/123 tcp/123

Client Ports:

- any

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: nut**

**Network UPS Tools Example:**

```
server nut accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/3493 udp/3493

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)

**service: nxserver**

**NoMachine NX Server Example:**

```
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` to be enabled.

This information has been extracted from this [The TCP ports used by nxserver](#) are `4000 + DISPLAY_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` is needed.

### service: `openvpn`

#### OpenVPN Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- `tcp/1194 udp/1194`

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)

### service: `oracle`

#### Oracle Database Example:

```
server oracle accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- `tcp/1521`

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: OSPF**

**Open Shortest Path First** Example:

```
server OSPF accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- 89/any

Client Ports:

- any

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: ping**

**Ping (ICMP echo)** Example:

```
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.

**service: pop3**

**Post Office Protocol Example:**

```
server pop3 accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/110

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: pop3s**

**Secure Post Office Protocol Example:**

```
server pop3s accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/995

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: portmap**

**Open Network Computing Remote Procedure Call - Port Mapper**

Example:

```
server portmap accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/111 tcp/111

Client Ports:

- any

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: postgres**

**PostgreSQL** Example:

```
server postgres accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/5432

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: pptp**

**Point-to-Point Tunneling Protocol** Example:

```
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](#)

**service: privoxy**

**Privacy Proxy** Example:

```
server privoxy accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/8118

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)

**service: radius**

**Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS) Example:**

```
server radius accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/1812 udp/1813

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: radiusold**

**Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS) Example:**

```
server radiusold accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/1645 udp/1646

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: radiusoldproxy**

**Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS) Example:**

```
server radiusoldproxy accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/1647

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: radiusproxy**

**Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS) Example:**

```
server radiusproxy accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/1814

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: rdp**

**Remote Desktop Protocol Example:**

```
server rdp accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/3389

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

Notes

Remote Desktop Protocol is also known also as Terminal Services.

**service: rndc**

**Remote Name Daemon Control Example:**

```
server rndc accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/953

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: rsync**

**rsync protocol** Example:

```
server rsync accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/873 udp/873

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: rtp**

**Real-time Transport Protocol** Example:

```
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.

**service: samba**

**Samba** Example:

```
server samba accept
```

Service Type:

- complex

Server Ports:

- many

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)

Notes

The samba service automatically sets all the rules for `netbios_ns`, `netbios_dgm`, `netbios_ssn` and `microsoft_ds`.

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` 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.

**service: 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

Links

- [Homepage](#)

**service: sip**

**Session Initiation Protocol** Example:

```
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

- [Wikipedia](#)

## 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.

## **service: smtp**

### **Simple Mail Transport Protocol Example:**

```
server smtp accept
```

#### Service Type:

- simple

#### Server Ports:

- `tcp/25`

#### Client Ports:

- default

## Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

## **service: smtps**

### **Secure Simple Mail Transport Protocol Example:**

```
server smtps accept
```

#### Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/465

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: snmp**

**Simple Network Management Protocol** Example:

```
server snmp accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/161

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: snmptrap**

**SNMP Trap** Example:

```
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.

**service: socks**

**SOCK**et Secure Example:

```
server socks accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/1080 udp/1080

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

Notes

See also [RFC 1928](#).

**service: squid**

**Squid Web Cache Example:**

```
server squid accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/3128

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: ssh**

**Secure Shell Protocol Example:**

```
server ssh accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/22

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: stun**

**Session Traversal Utilities for NAT** Example:

```
server stun accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/3478 udp/3479

Client Ports:

- any

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

Notes

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

**service: submission**

**SMTP over SSL/TLS submission** Example:

```
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.

**service: sunrpc**

### **Open Network Computing Remote Procedure Call - Port Mapper**

Alias for [portmap](#)

**service: swat**

### **Samba Web Administration Tool Example:**

```
server swat accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/901

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)

**service: syslog**

### **Syslog Remote Logging Protocol Example:**

```
server syslog accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/514

Client Ports:

- syslog default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: telnet**

**Telnet** Example:

```
server telnet accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/23

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: tftp**

**Trivial File Transfer Protocol** Example:

```
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](#)

**service: time**

**Time Protocol** Example:

```
server time accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/37 udp/37

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: timestamp**

**ICMP Timestamp** Example:

```
server timestamp accept
```

Service Type:

- complex

Server Ports:

- N/A

Client Ports:

- N/A

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

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.

**service: tomcat**

**HTTP alternate port** Alias for [httpalt](#)

**service: upnp**

**Universal Plug and Play** Example:

```
server upnp accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/1900 tcp/2869

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)

Notes

For a Linux implementation see: [Linux IGD](#).

**service: uucp**

**Unix-to-Unix Copy** Example:

```
server uucp accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/540

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: vmware**

**vmware** Example:

```
server vmware accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/902

Client Ports:

- default

Notes

Used from VMWare 1 and up. See the [VMWare KnowledgeBase](#).

**service: vmwareauth**

**vmwareauth** Example:

```
server vmwareauth accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/903

Client Ports:

- default

Notes

Used from VMWare 1 and up. See the [VMWare KnowledgeBase](#).

**service: vmwareweb**

**vmwareweb** Example:

```
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](#).

**service: vnc**

**Virtual Network Computing** Example:

```
server vnc accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/5900:5903

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

Notes

VNC is a graphical desktop sharing protocol.

**service: webcache**

**HTTP alternate port** Alias for [httpalt](#)

**service: webmin**

**Webmin Administration System** Example:

```
server webmin accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/10000

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Homepage](#)

**service: whois**

**WHOIS Protocol** Example:

```
server whois accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- tcp/43

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

**service: xbox**

**Xbox Live** Example:

```
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.

**service: xdmcp**

**X Display Manager Control Protocol** Example:

```
server xdmcp accept
```

Service Type:

- simple

Server Ports:

- udp/177

Client Ports:

- default

Links

- [Wikipedia](#)

Notes

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