

Care and Feed of IP-tables



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iptables

- Policy
 - Chain
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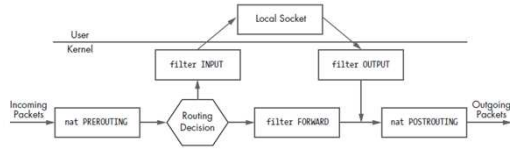
Tables

- filter
- nat
- mangle
- raw

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Chains



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Matches

- source (-s) Match on a source IP address or network
- destination (-d) Match on a destination IP address or network
- protocol (-p) Match on an IP value
- in-interface (-i) Input interface (e.g., eth0)
- out-interface (-o) Output interface
- state Match on a set of connection states
- string Match on a sequence of application layer data bytes
- comment Associate up to 256 bytes of comment data with a rule within kernel memory

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Targets

- ACCEPT** Allows a packet to continue on its way.
- DROP** Drops a packet. No further processing is performed, and as far as the receiving stack is concerned, it is as though the packet was never sent.
- LOG** Logs a packet to syslog.
- REJECT** Drops a packet and simultaneously sends an appropriate response packet (e.g., a TCP Reset packet for a TCP connection or an ICMP Port Unreachable message for a UDP packet).
- RETURN** Continues processing a packet within the calling chain.

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Default IP-tables policy

- DNS
- FTP
- NTP
- SSH
- SMTP
- HTTP/HTTPS
- whois



Assumptions

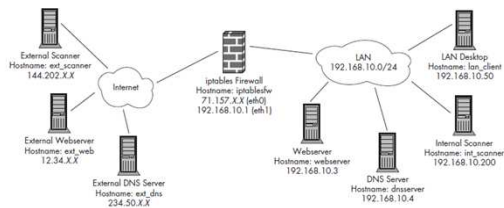


Figure 1-2: Default network diagram



Preamble



INPUT

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OUTPUT

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FORWARD

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Testing TCP

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Testing UDP

- hping



Testing ICMP

- hping