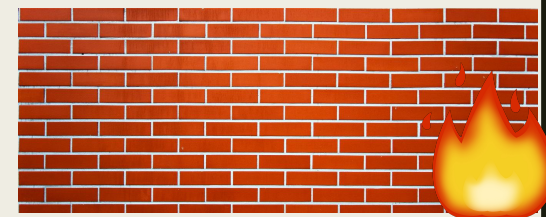


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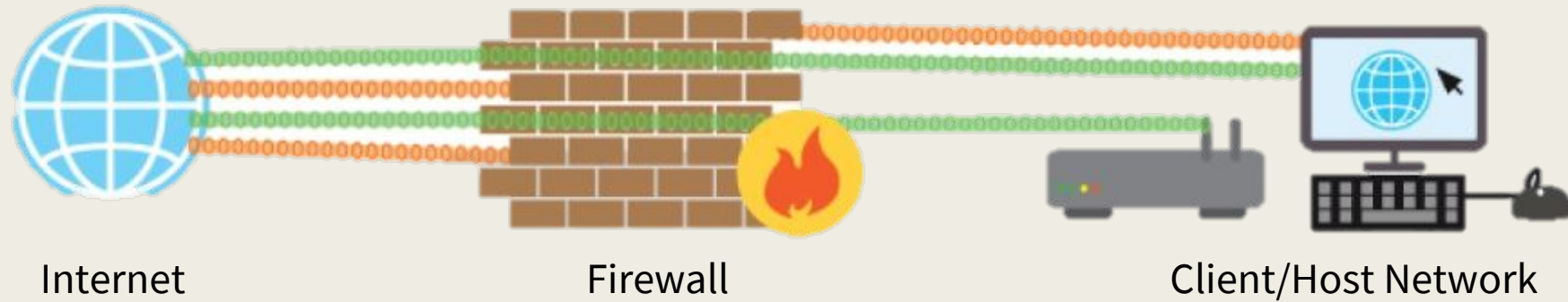


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Overview

- What are Firewalls
- Why we need them
- Types of Firewalls (Categories)
- Implementation
- Best practices

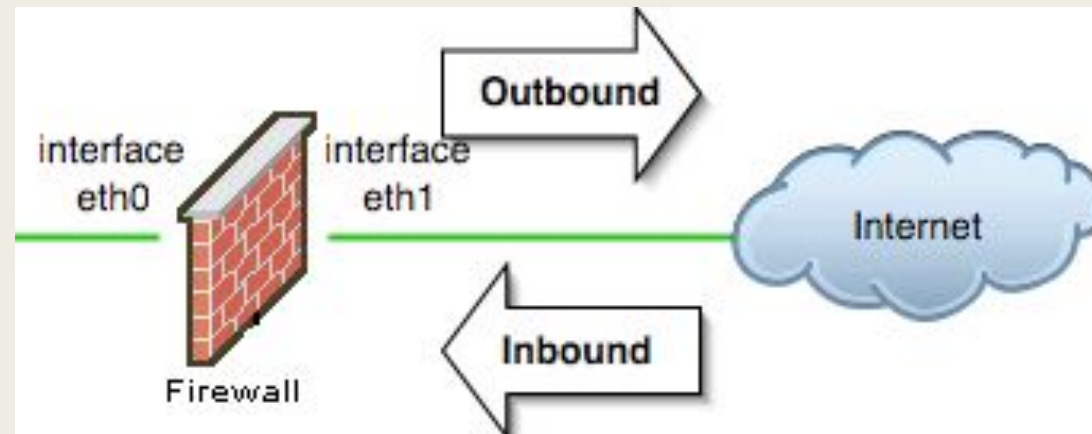
What are Firewalls?



- Network Security Device/Software
- Monitors Incoming and Outgoing traffic, decides what comes in and what goes out.

What Do They Do?

- Essentially one GIANT filter for your network/computers



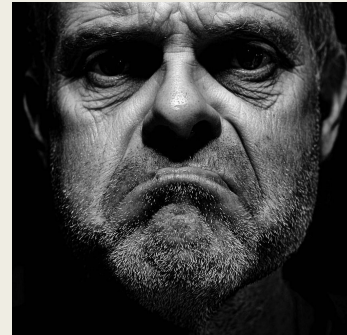
- Prevent unauthorized Internet users from accessing private networks connected to the Internet
- Protects confidential information
- First line of defense

What Happens Without One?

- Fires Start



- People get **very** unhappy



- Things go missing



- Unauthorized people get in



Most Companies Today



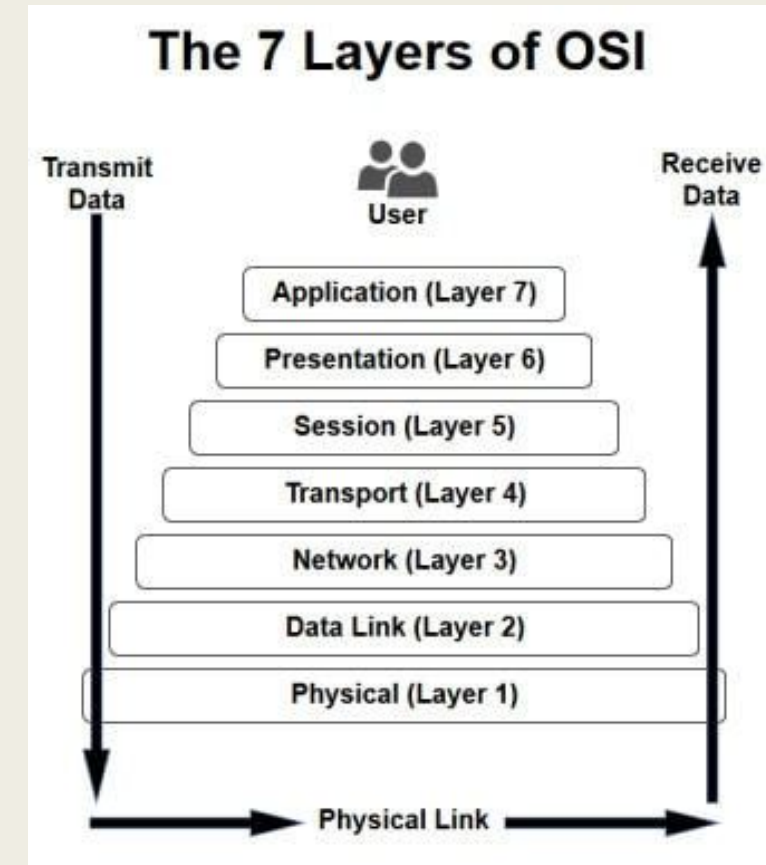
- “50% of administrators audit their firewalls once a year, and about 10% never do it”
 - *Richard Broeke (sales manager at Securicom)*

History of Firewalls

- 1980s - Firewalls emerge
- 1990s - First Security Firewall (IP routers with filtering)
- 1992 - First Commercial Firewall - DEC SEAL
- 2009 -Next Gen Firewall defined

History of Firewalls

- First Generation:
 - *Packet Filters*
 - inspecting individual packets that come into the network
- Second Gen
 - *Stateful Filters*
 - More layers, wait until they get more information
 - Issues? Overhead
- Third Gen (Next Gen)
 - *Application Layer*
 - Understand Service Context
 - Protects Applications(Go figure!)

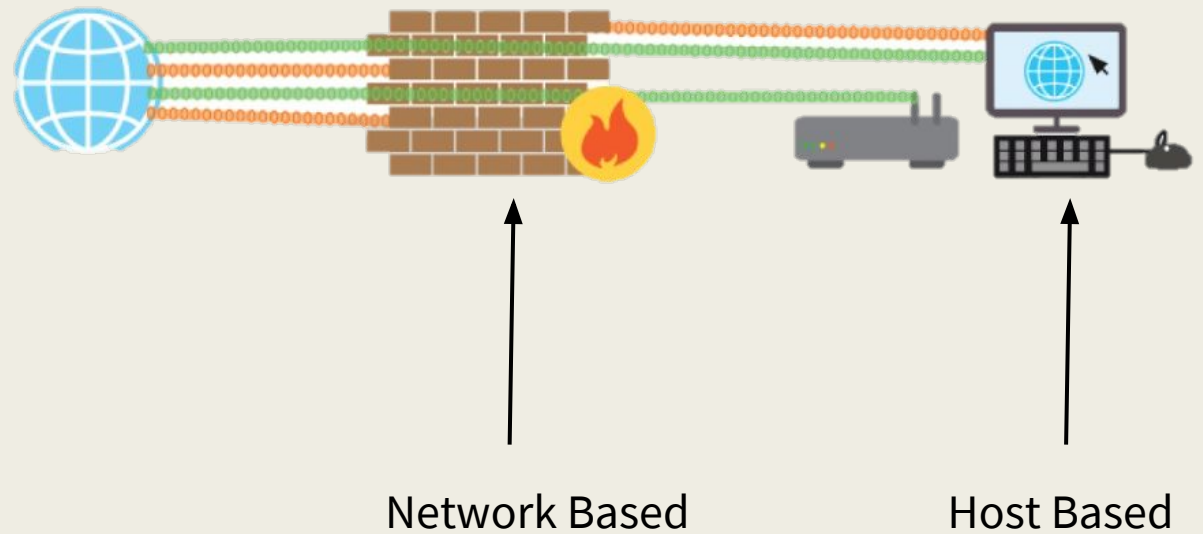


Types of Firewalls

- Stateful vs Stateless
- Network Based vs Host Based
- Virtual Firewall
- Packet Filters
- Application Layer
 - *Proxy Firewalls*
 - *Deep Packet Inspection*

Network Based Firewalls VS Host Based Firewalls

- Host Based Firewall
 - Installed on **each** machine
 - EX: Windows Firewalls
- Network Based Firewalls
 - Built into the infrastructure
 - EX: pfSense



Stateful vs Stateless Firewalls

STATEFUL

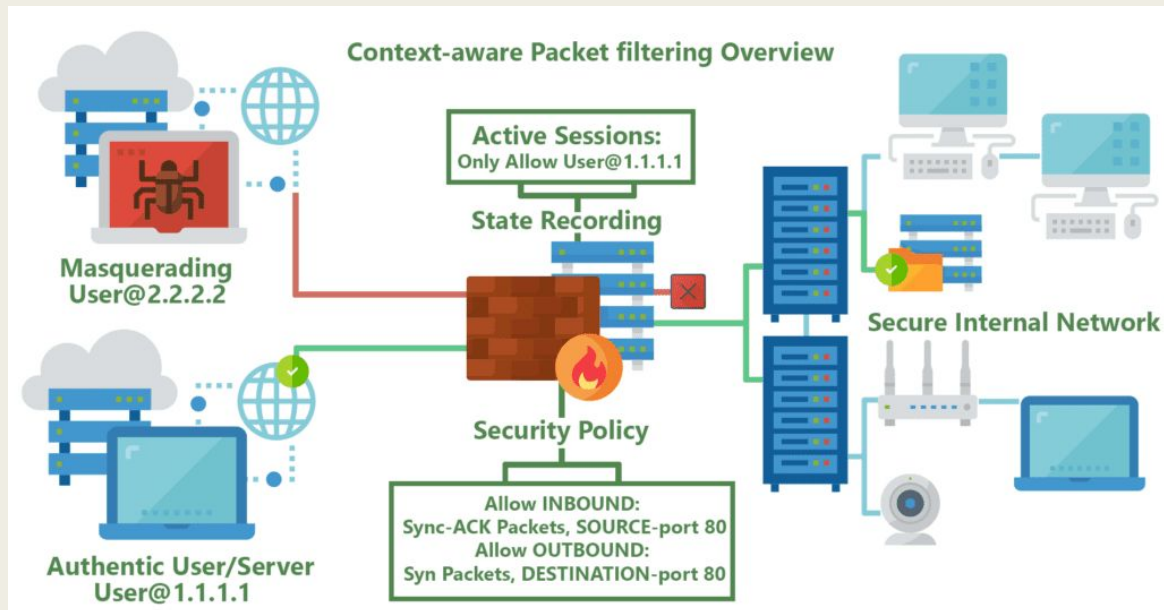
- Keeps track of data
- Watches from end to end
- Can identify forged communications

STATELESS

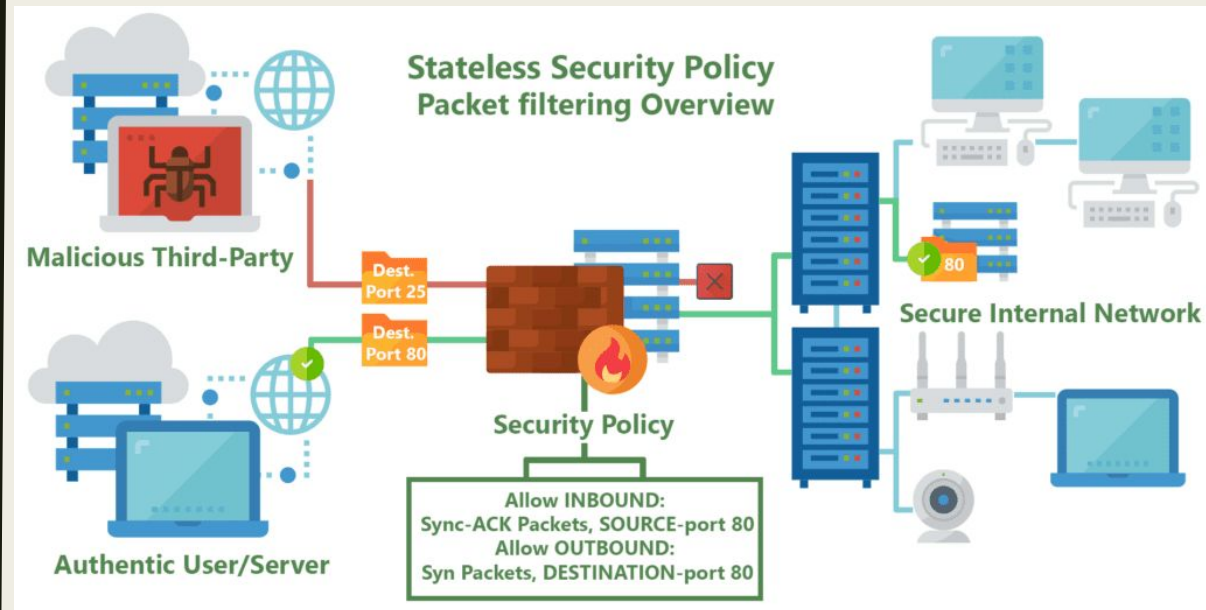
- Used for Packet Filtering
- Super Fast
- Works under heavy loads
- Monitor based on data presented to it

Stateful vs Stateless Firewalls

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STATELESS



Stateful vs Stateless Firewalls

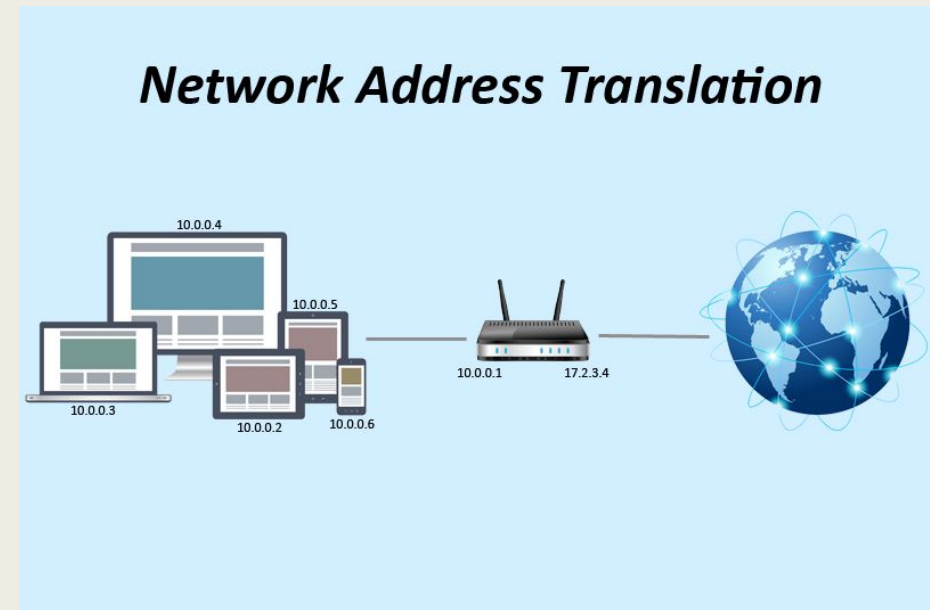
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STATELESS

Which is better?

NAT + Firewall = A Match Made in Heaven?

- NAT used to limit # of public IP Addresses on a Network
- One IP = Many Computers or One Public IP = One Private
 - *Using The Internet? Same Public IP*
- Controls Public Access to Machines
 - *Only Can Get in through 1 public IP*
 - *People don't log into your internal web server IP right?*



Scenario: Linux

Linux iptables

Block an incoming IP:

```
iptables -A INPUT -s 10.42.X.XXX -j DROP
```

Block outgoing IP:

```
iptables -A OUTPUT -d 10.42.X.XXX -j DROP
```

Block an incoming port:

```
iptables -A INPUT -s 10.42.X.XXX -p tcp --destination-port 80 -j drop
```

Want something a little more... Dynamic?

```
iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --state state NEW,ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEPT
```

Issue? Deleted after reboot

But what if you want persistent iptables?

Ubuntu(Debian)

```
iptables-save >
```

```
/etc/iptables/rules.v4
```

```
/sbin/iptables-save
```

Centos(Redhat)

```
service iptables save
```

```
/etc/sysconfig/iptables
```

Linux Commands (ipTables)

- -A: Append one or more rules
- -D: Delete a Rule
- -I: Insert a Rule
- -R: Replace
- -F : FLUSH chain, delete rule one by one
- -j : Jump
- -s : Source IP
- -d : Destination IP
- -p : Protocol(TCP/IP)
- -L: list all rules
- -N: Numerically list
- -v: Verbose (Show all!)
- Want More? **man iptables**

Want something a little less...complicated?

UFW (Uncomplicated Firewall)

- Much simpler rules than iptables
 - *Still uses iptables! Just is an interface for them*

```
sudo ufw allow
```

```
sudo ufw deny
```

```
sudo ufw status
```

```
sudo ufw delete
```

Now Pair Up!

Make sure that pfSense allows SSH or just shut off firewalls temporarily (`pfctl -d`)

Team A

- Linux Box 1
- Block Team B with ipTables
 - *Hint (ps aux, grep)*

Team B

- Linux Box 2
- SSH Into Team A
- What Happens when Team A blocks you? Can you get back in? Is there a backdoor?

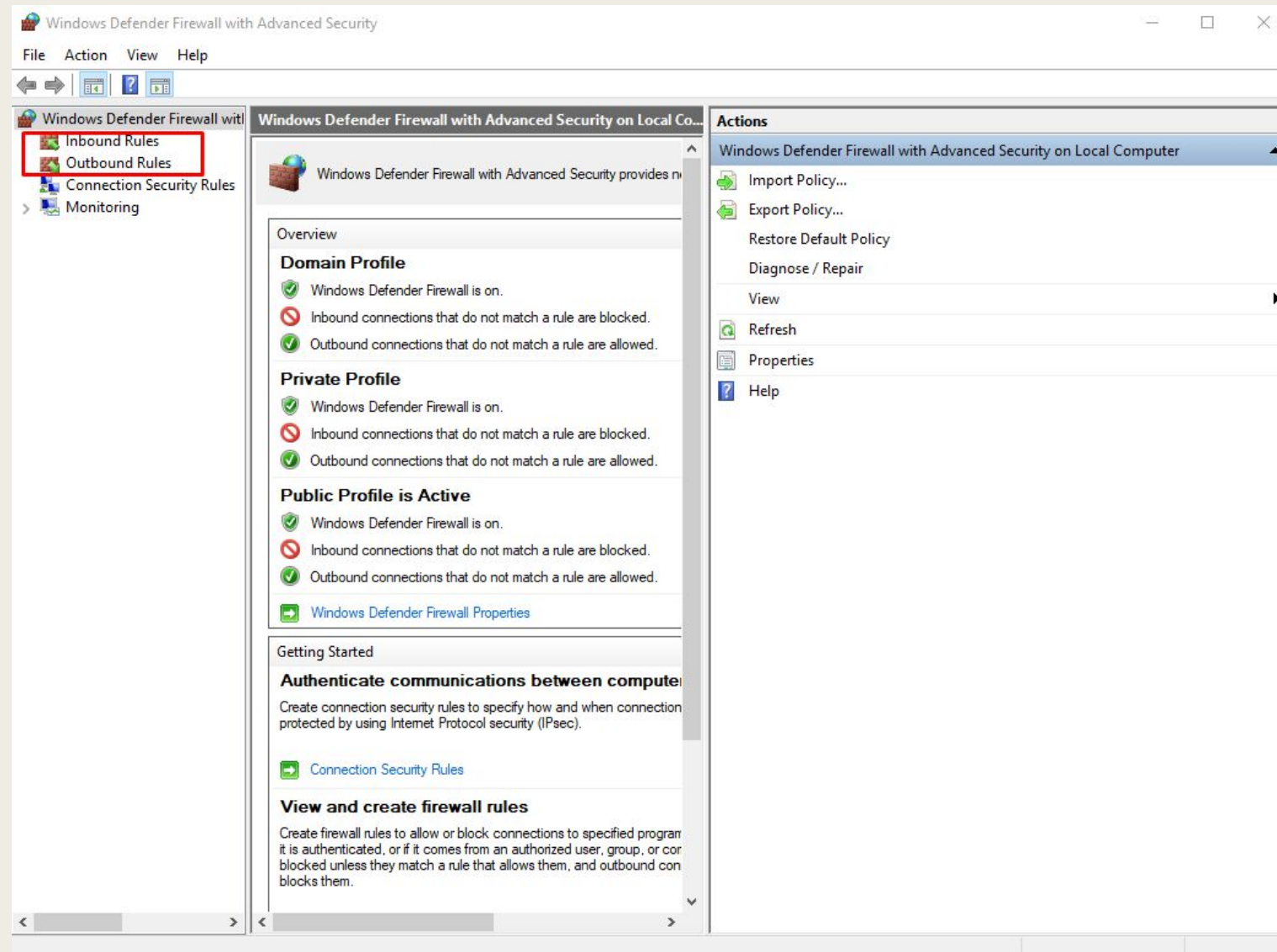
Now Switch!

Scenario: Windows

Windows Firewalls



Windows Firewall(GUI)



New Inbound Rule Wizard

Rule Type

Select the type of firewall rule to create.

Steps:

● Rule Type

● Program

● Protocol and Ports

● Scope

● Action

● Profile

● Name

What type of rule would you like to create?

☐ Program

Rule that controls connections for a program.

☐ Port

Rule that controls connections for a TCP or UDP port.

☐ Predefined:

AllJoyn Router

Rule that controls connections for a Windows experience.

☒ Custom

Custom rule.

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Cancel

Program

Specify the full program path and executable name of the program that this rule matches.

Steps:

- Rule Type
- Program
- Protocol and Ports
- Scope
- Action
- Profile
- Name

Does this rule apply to all programs or a specific program?

☒ **All programs**

Rule applies to all connections on the computer that match other rule properties.

☐ **This program path:**

[Browse...](#)

Example: c:\path\program.exe
%ProgramFiles%\browser\browser.exe

Services

Specify which services this rule applies to.

[Customize...](#)[< Back](#)[Next >](#)[Cancel](#)

New Inbound Rule Wizard

Scope

Specify the local and remote IP addresses to which this rule applies.

Steps:

Rule Type

Program

Protocol and Ports

Scope

Action

Profile

Name

Which local IP addresses does this rule apply to?

☒ Any IP address

☐ These IP addresses:

Add...

Edit...

Remove

Customize the interface types to which this rule applies:

Customize...

Which remote IP addresses does this rule apply to?

☐ Any IP address

☒ These IP addresses:

Add...

Edit...

Remove

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Cancel

New Inbound Rule Wizard

Action

Specify the action to be taken when a connection matches the conditions specified in the rule.

Steps:

Rule Type

Program

Protocol and Ports

Scope

Action

Profile

Name

What action should be taken when a connection matches the specified conditions?

☐ Allow the connection

This includes connections that are protected with IPsec as well as those are not.

☐ Allow the connection if it is secure

This includes only connections that have been authenticated by using IPsec. Connections will be secured using the settings in IPsec properties and rules in the Connection Security Rule node.

Customize...

☒ Block the connection

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Cancel

Windows (CMD)

Block an incoming IP:

```
netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name="NAME" dir=in action=block remoteip=198.168.1.1/24
```

Block an outgoing ip:

```
netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name="NAME" dir=out action=block remoteip=198.168.1.1/24
```

Block an incoming port:

```
netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name="NAME" dir=in action=block protocol=TCP localport=80
```

Windows Firewall (CMD)

```
netsh advfirewall set *
```

```
netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name="NAME" dir=in action=allow protocol=TCP localport=80
```

```
netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name="NAME" dir=out action=allow protocol=TCP localport=80
```

```
netsh advfirewall set currentprofile firewallpolicy
```

```
netsh advfirewall set publicprofile state on/off
```

```
netsh advfirewall set privateprofile state on/off
```

Scenario: pfSense

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System Interfaces Firewall Services VPN Status Diagnostics Gold Help pfSense.securedrop.local

Firewall: Rules

Floating WAN LAN OPT1

| | ID | Proto | Source | Port | Destination | Port | Gateway | Queue | Schedule | Description | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------|--------|---------|-------|----------|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | * | * | * | * | LAN Address | 443 80 | * | * | | Anti-Lockout Rule | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | IPv4 TCP | admin workstation | * | local servers | 22 (SSH) | * | none | | | SSH access for initial installation (Ansible) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | IPv4 UDP | app_server | * | monitor_server | OSSEC | * | none | | | OSSEC agent | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | IPv4 TCP | app_server | * | monitor_server | ossec_agent_auth | * | none | | | Allow OSSEC agent auth during initial install | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | IPv4 * | LAN net | * | OPT1 net | * | * | none | | | Block non-whitelisted traffic between LAN and OPT1 | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | IPv4 TCP | app_server | * | * | * | * | none | | | Allow TCP out on any port for Tor | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | IPv4 UDP | app_server | * | external dns servers | 53 (DNS) | * | none | | | Allow DNS | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | IPv4 UDP | app_server | 123 (NTP) | * | 123 (NTP) | * | none | | | Allow NTP | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | IPv4 TCP | admin workstation | * | * | * | * | none | | | Tails Tor connection | |

Firewall / Rules / LAN

Floating WAN LAN

Rules (Drag to Change Order)

| | States | Protocol | Source | Port | Destination | Port | Gateway | Queue | Schedule | Description | Actions |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------|---------|------|-------------|--------|---------|-------|----------|------------------------------------|---------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 /118 KiB | * | * | * | LAN Address | 443 80 | * | * | | Anti-Lockout Rule | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 32 /9.67 MiB | IPv4 * | LAN net | * | * | * | * | none | | Default allow LAN to any rule | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 0/0 B | IPv6 * | LAN net | * | * | * | * | none | | Default allow LAN IPv6 to any rule | |

pfSense CLI

Blocking general IP:

```
easyrule block wan 10.42.x.xxx
```

Pass with Port:

```
easyrule pass wan tcp 10.42.x.xxx 192.168.0.4 80
```

Pass without port:

```
easyrule pass wan icmp 10.42.x.xxx 192.168.0.4
```


pfSense
when in doubt? pfctl -d :)

Other Firewall Makers

- Check Point
- Symantec
- Cisco
- Juniper
- And...

Palo Alto



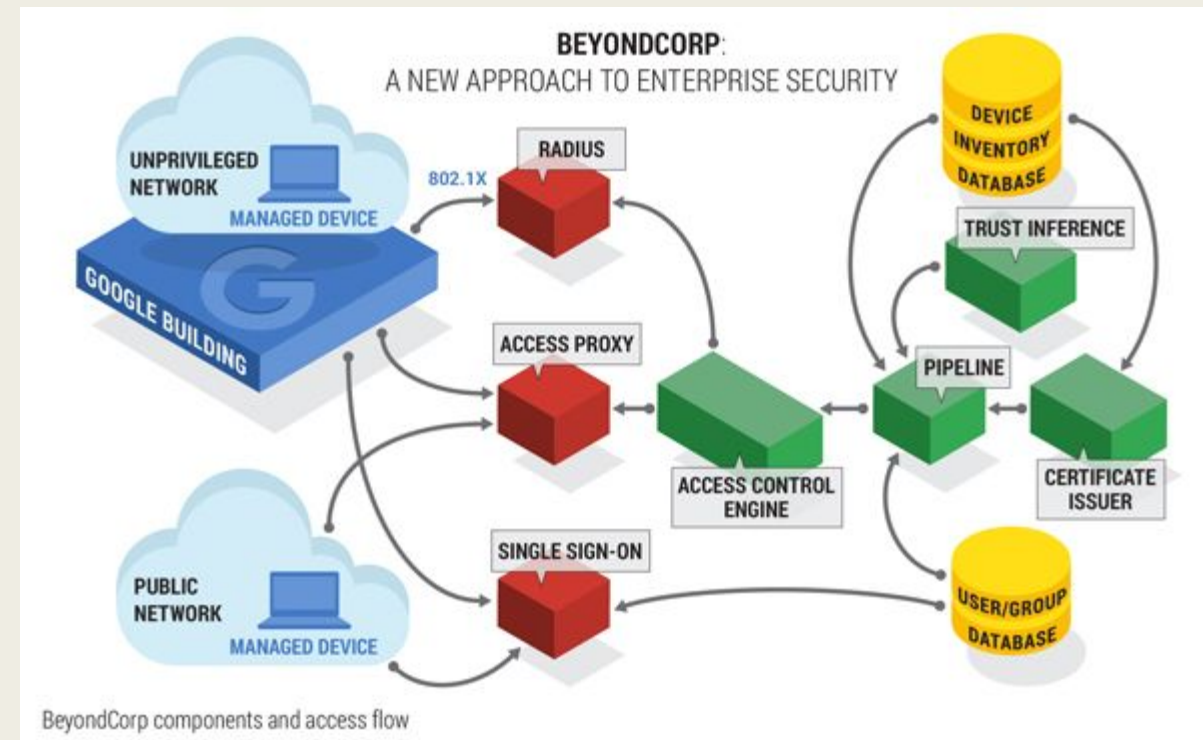
Best Practices (hint hint 🤔)

- Drop **ALL** connections
 - *Implicit Deny (USUALLY)*
 - *Block Services not in Use!*
- Add back only as much as you need
- Add back connections as needed
 - *Order Matters!!!!*
- `watch --interval=5 'iptables -nvL | grep -v "0 0"'`
 - *MONITOR YOUR IPTABLES*
- Read ps aux from top to bottom (Processes)
- Firewalls are not your last resort!



Where Do We Go From Here?

- Zero Trust Architecture ,
 - “Never Trust, Always Verify”
 - *Beyondcorp, Palo Alto, etc.*
- Defense In Depth
 - *Layer Up!*
- Next Gen Firewalls! (Palo Alto)
 - *Smarter, More Accurate*
 - *Easy, Breezy, Beautiful*



Now you think you know Firewalls?

- How can you improve your security?
- How can you protect yourself?
- Are Firewalls Omnipotent?
 - *What can't they do?*
 - *What Else Do You Need?*
- Do we *need* firewalls?



Any Questions?