

Remove internal broadcast entries from firewall logs


First of all to thank the IPFire development team for this wonderful software.

My first installation was flawless, and I use an old small laptop as the IPFire device. I live in a huge old building with 170 apartments, that has a small computer room at the end of a fiber optic connection.

No problems with the IPFire setup and operation (thank you again), but two days later when I went to check the

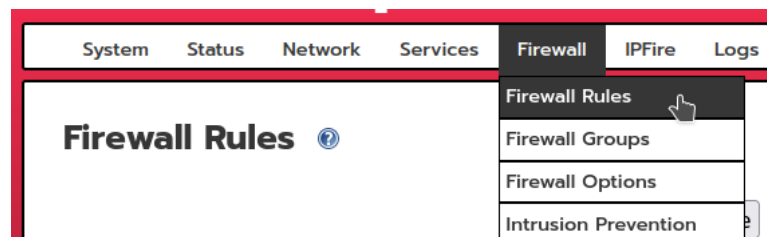
Firewall log

I found that 4 internal network devices of the provider were broadcasting endlessly in the internal network of the building, giving me about 5000 entries like these per day.

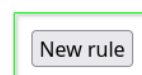
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16:50:11	DROP_INPUT	red0	UDP	<u>10.99.1254</u> <u>255.255.255.255</u>	67(BOOTPS) 68(BOOTPC)		74: <input type="text"/> :d1

This is how I filtered these entries out, because we want to see (and clearly see) only the important things in the firewall log.

A rule was carefully created for each of the 4 entries, as seen below. (See the green boxes.)



Firewall Rules



IPFire_ - ipfire.localdomain

System Status Network Services Firewall IPFire Logs

RED Traffic: In 758.07 bit/s Out 497.23 bit/s

Firewall Rules ?

Source

- Source address (MAC/IP address or network): Firewall:
- Standard networks:
- Location:

NAT

- Use Network Address Translation (NAT)

Destination

- Destination address (IP address or network): Firewall:
- Standard networks:
- Location:

Protocol

- Source port: Destination port:

ACCEPT

DROP

REJECT

Additional settings

- Remark:
- Rule position:
- Activate rule
- Log rule
- Enable SYN Flood Protection (TCP only)
- Use time constraints
- Limit concurrent connections per IP address
- Rate-limit new connections

Update

Back

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Firewall Rules ?

























New rule

Apply changes

After applying the changes, the new rule is listed in the firewall rules page. And looks like this.

Firewall Rules

New rule

#	Protocol:	Source	Log	Destination	Action
1	TCP	Any	<input type="checkbox"/>	RED: SMTP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>     
<i>Block port 25 (TCP) for outgoing connections to the internet</i>					
2	UDP	10.99.99.27: 5678	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any: 5678	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>     
3	UDP	10.99.99.99: 5678	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any: 5678	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>     
4	UDP	10.99.1254: 5678	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any: 5678	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>     
5	UDP	10.99.1254: 67	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any: 68	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    

It works flawlessly, I checked it for a month.

I hope this will help many others to enjoy clean and meaningful firewall logs.