

# UFW manual

## NAME

ufw - program for managing a netfilter firewall

## DESCRIPTION

This program is for managing a Linux firewall and aims to provide an easy to use interface for the user.

## USAGE

```
ufw [--dry-run] enable|disable|reload
```

```
ufw [--dry-run] default allow|deny|reject [incoming|outgoing|routed]
```

```
ufw [--dry-run] logging on|off|LEVEL
```

```
ufw [--dry-run] reset
```

```
ufw [--dry-run] status [verbose|numbered]
```

```
ufw [--dry-run] show REPORT
```

```
ufw [--dry-run] [delete] [insert NUM] allow|deny|reject|limit [in|out]
[log|log-all] PORT[/PROTOCOL]
```

```
ufw [--dry-run] [rule] [delete] [insert NUM] allow|deny|reject|limit
[in|out [on INTERFACE]] [log|log-all] [proto PROTOCOL] [from ADDRESS
[port PORT]] [to ADDRESS [port PORT]]
```

```
ufw [--dry-run] route [delete] [insert NUM] allow|deny|reject|limit
[in|out on INTERFACE] [log|log-all] [proto PROTOCOL] [from ADDRESS
[port PORT]] [to ADDRESS [port PORT]]
```

```
ufw [--dry-run] delete NUM
```

```
ufw [--dry-run] app list|info|default|update
```

## OPTIONS

### --version

show program's version number and exit

### -h, --help

show help message and exit

### --dry-run

don't modify anything, just show the changes

**enable** reloads firewall and enables firewall on boot.

### disable

unloads firewall and disables firewall on boot

**reload** reloads firewall

**default** allow|deny|reject DIRECTION

change the default policy for traffic going DIRECTION, where DIRECTION is one of **incoming**, **outgoing** or **routed**. Note that existing rules will have to be migrated manually when changing the default policy. See **RULE SYNTAX** for more on **deny** and **reject**.

**logging** on|off|LEVEL

toggle logging. Logged packets use the LOG\_KERN syslog facility. Systems configured for rsyslog support may also log to /var/log/ufw.log. Specifying a LEVEL turns logging on for the specified LEVEL. The default log level is 'low'. See **LOGGING** for details.

**reset** Disables and resets firewall to installation defaults. Can also give the **--force** option to perform the reset without confirmation.

**status** show status of firewall and ufw managed rules. Use **status verbose** for extra information. In the status output, 'Anywhere' is synonymous with 'any' and '0.0.0.0/0'. Note that when using **status**, there is a subtle difference when reporting interfaces. For example, if the following rules are added:

```
ufw allow in on eth0 from 192.168.0.0/16
ufw allow out on eth1 to 10.0.0.0/8
ufw route allow in on eth0 out on eth1 to 10.0.0.0/8 from
192.168.0.0/16
```

**ufw status** will output:

```
To      Action      From
--      -
Anywhere on eth0    ALLOW192.168.0.0/16
10.0.0.0/8  ALLOW OUT   Anywhere on eth1
10.0.0.0/8 on eth1  ALLOW FWD   192.168.0.0/16 on eth0
```

For the input and output rules, the interface is reported relative to the firewall system as an endpoint, whereas with route rules, the interface is reported relative to the direction packets flow through the firewall.

**show** REPORT

display information about the running firewall. See **REPORTS**

**allow** ARGS

add allow rule. See **RULE SYNTAX**

**deny** ARGS

add deny rule. See **RULE SYNTAX**

**reject** ARGS

add reject rule. See **RULE SYNTAX**

**limit** ARGS

add limit rule. Currently only IPv4 is supported. See **RULE**

**SYNTAX****delete** RULE|NUM

deletes the corresponding RULE

**insert** NUM RULE

insert the corresponding RULE as rule number NUM

**RULE SYNTAX**

Users can specify rules using either a simple syntax or a full syntax. The simple syntax only specifies the port and optionally the protocol to be allowed or denied on the host. For example:

```
ufw allow 53
```

This rule will allow tcp and udp port 53 to any address on this host. To specify a protocol, append '/protocol' to the port. For example:

```
ufw allow 25/tcp
```

This will allow tcp port 25 to any address on this host. **ufw** will also check `/etc/services` for the port and protocol if specifying a service by name. Eg:

```
ufw allow smtp
```

**ufw** supports both ingress and egress filtering and users may optionally specify a direction of either **in** or **out** for either incoming or outgoing traffic. If no direction is supplied, the rule applies to incoming traffic. Eg:

```
ufw allow in http
ufw reject out smtp
```

Users can also use a fuller syntax, specifying the source and destination addresses and ports. This syntax is loosely based on OpenBSD's PF syntax. For example:

```
ufw deny proto tcp to any port 80
```

This will deny all traffic to tcp port 80 on this host. Another example:

```
ufw deny proto tcp from 10.0.0.0/8 to 192.168.0.1 port 25
```

This will deny all traffic from the RFC1918 Class A network to tcp port 25 with the address 192.168.0.1.

```
ufw deny proto tcp from 2001:db8::/32 to any port 25
```

This will deny all traffic from the IPv6 2001:db8::/32 to tcp port 25 on this host. IPv6 must be enabled in `/etc/default/ufw` for IPv6 firewalling to work.

```
ufw allow proto tcp from any to any port 80,443,8080:8090
```

The above will allow all traffic to tcp ports 80, 443 and 8080-8090 inclusive. When specifying multiple ports, the ports list must be numeric, cannot contain spaces and must be modified as a whole. Eg, in the above example you cannot later try to delete just the '443' port. You cannot specify more than 15 ports (ranges count as 2 ports, so the port count in the above example is 4).

Rules for traffic not destined for the host itself but instead for traffic that should be routed/forwarded through the firewall should specify the **route** keyword before the rule (routing rules differ significantly from PF syntax and instead take into account netfilter FORWARD chain conventions). For example:

```
ufw route allow in on eth1 out on eth2
```

This will allow all traffic routed to eth2 and coming in on eth1 to traverse the firewall.

```
ufw route allow in on eth0 out on eth1 to 12.34.45.67 port 80 proto tcp
```

This rule allows any packets coming in on eth0 to traverse the firewall out on eth1 to tcp port 80 on 12.34.45.67.

In addition to routing rules and policy, you must also setup IP forwarding. This may be done by setting the following in `/etc/ufw/sysctl.conf`:

```
net/ipv4/ip_forward=1
net/ipv6/conf/default/forwarding=1
net/ipv6/conf/all/forwarding=1
```

then restarting the firewall:

```
ufw disable
ufw enable
```

Be aware that setting kernel tunables is operating system specific and **ufw** `sysctl` settings may be overridden. See the **sysctl** manual page for details.

**ufw** supports connection rate limiting, which is useful for protecting against brute-force login attacks. When a limit rule is used, **ufw** will normally allow the connection but will deny connections if an IP address attempts to initiate 6 or more connections within 30 seconds. See <http://www.debian-administration.org/articles/187> for details. Typical usage is:

```
ufw limit ssh/tcp
```

Sometimes it is desirable to let the sender know when traffic is being denied, rather than simply ignoring it. In these cases, use **reject** instead of **deny**. For example:

```
ufw reject auth
```

By default, **ufw** will apply rules to all available interfaces. To limit this, specify **DIRECTION on INTERFACE**, where **DIRECTION** is one of **in** or **out** (interface aliases are not supported). For example, to allow all new incoming http connections on eth0, use:

```
ufw allow in on eth0 to any port 80 proto tcp
```

To delete a rule, simply prefix the original rule with **delete**. For example, if the original rule was:

```
ufw deny 80/tcp
```

Use this to delete it:

```
ufw delete deny 80/tcp
```

You may also specify the rule by **NUM**, as seen in the **status numbered** output. For example, if you want to delete rule number '3', use:

```
ufw delete 3
```

If you have IPv6 enabled and are deleting a generic rule that applies to both IPv4 and IPv6 (eg 'ufw allow 22/tcp'), deleting by rule number will delete only the specified rule. To delete both with one command, prefix the original rule with **delete**.

To insert a rule, specify the new rule as normal, but prefix the rule with the rule number to insert. For example, if you have four rules, and you want to insert a new rule as rule number three, use:

```
ufw insert 3 deny to any port 22 from 10.0.0.135 proto tcp
```

To see a list of numbered rules, use:

```
ufw status numbered
```

**ufw** supports per rule logging. By default, no logging is performed when a packet matches a rule. Specifying **log** will log all new connections matching the rule, and **log-all** will log all packets matching the rule. For example, to allow and log all new ssh connections, use:

```
ufw allow log 22/tcp
```

See **LOGGING** for more information on logging.

## EXAMPLES

Deny all access to port 53:

```
ufw deny 53
```

Allow all access to tcp port 80:

```
ufw allow 80/tcp
```

Allow all access from RFC1918 networks to this host:

```
ufw allow from 10.0.0.0/8
ufw allow from 172.16.0.0/12
ufw allow from 192.168.0.0/16
```

Deny access to udp port 514 from host 1.2.3.4:

```
ufw deny proto udp from 1.2.3.4 to any port 514
```

Allow access to udp 1.2.3.4 port 5469 from 1.2.3.5 port 5469:

```
ufw allow proto udp from 1.2.3.5 port 5469 to 1.2.3.4 port 5469
```

## REMOTE MANAGEMENT

When running **ufw enable** or starting **ufw** via its initscript, **ufw** will flush its chains. This is required so **ufw** can maintain a consistent state, but it may drop existing connections (eg ssh). **ufw** does support adding rules before enabling the firewall, so administrators can do:

```
ufw allow proto tcp from any to any port 22
```

before running '**ufw enable**'. The rules will still be flushed, but the ssh port will be open after enabling the firewall. Please note that once **ufw** is 'enabled', **ufw** will not flush the chains when adding or removing rules (but will when modifying a rule or changing the default policy). By default, **ufw** will prompt when enabling the firewall while running under ssh. This can be disabled by using '**ufw --force enable**'.

## APPLICATION INTEGRATION

**ufw** supports application integration by reading profiles located in `/etc/ufw/applications.d`. To list the names of application profiles known to **ufw**, use:

```
ufw app list
```

Users can specify an application name when adding a rule (quoting any profile names with spaces). For example, when using the simple syntax, users can use:

```
ufw allow <name>
```

Or for the extended syntax:

```
ufw allow from 192.168.0.0/16 to any app <name>
```

You should not specify the protocol with either syntax, and with the extended syntax, use **app** in place of the **port** clause.

Details on the firewall profile for a given application can be seen with:

```
ufw app info <name>
```

where '<name>' is one of the applications seen with the app list command. User's may also specify **all** to see the profiles for all known applications.

After creating or editing an application profile, user's can run:

```
ufw app update <name>
```

This command will automatically update the firewall with updated profile information. If specify 'all' for name, then all the profiles will be updated. To update a profile and add a new rule to the firewall automatically, user's can run:

```
ufw app update --add-new <name>
```

The behavior of the **update --add-new** command can be configured using:

```
ufw app default <policy>
```

The default application policy is **skip**, which means that the **update --add-new** command will do nothing. Users may also specify a policy of **allow** or **deny** so the **update --add-new** command may automatically update the firewall. **WARNING:** it may be a security to risk to use a default **allow** policy for application profiles. Carefully consider the security ramifications before using a default **allow** policy.

## LOGGING

**ufw** supports multiple logging levels. **ufw** defaults to a loglevel of 'low' when a loglevel is not specified. Users may specify a loglevel with:

```
ufw logging LEVEL
```

LEVEL may be 'off', 'low', 'medium', 'high' and 'full'. Log levels are defined as:

**off** disables ufw managed logging

**low** logs all blocked packets not matching the default policy (with rate limiting), as well as packets matching logged rules

**medium** log level low, plus all allowed packets not matching the default policy, all INVALID packets, and all new connections. All

logging is done with rate limiting.

**high** log level medium (without rate limiting), plus all packets with rate limiting

**full** log level high without rate limiting

Loglevels above medium generate a lot of logging output, and may quickly fill up your disk. Loglevel medium may generate a lot of logging output on a busy system.

Specifying 'on' simply enables logging at log level 'low' if logging is currently not enabled.

## REPORTS

The following reports are supported. Each is based on the live system and with the exception of the **listening** report, is in raw iptables format:

```
raw
builtins
before-rules
user-rules
after-rules
logging-rules
listening
added
```

The **raw** report shows the complete firewall, while the others show a subset of what is in the **raw** report.

The **listening** report will display the ports on the live system in the listening state for tcp and the open state for udp, along with the address of the interface and the executable listening on the port. An '\*' is used in place of the address of the interface when the executable is bound to all interfaces on that port. Following this information is a list of rules which may affect connections on this port. The rules are listed in the order they are evaluated by the kernel, and the first match wins. Please note that the default policy is not listed and tcp6 and udp6 are shown only if IPV6 is enabled.

The **added** report displays the list of rules as they were added on the command-line. This report does not show the status of the running firewall (use '**ufw status**' instead). Because rules are normalized by **ufw**, rules may look different than the originally added rule. Also, **ufw** does not record command ordering, so an equivalent ordering is used which lists IPv6-only rules after other rules.

## NOTES

On installation, **ufw** is disabled with a default incoming policy of deny, a default forward policy of deny, and a default outgoing policy of allow, with stateful tracking for NEW connections.



Rule ordering is important and the first match wins. Therefore when adding rules, add the more specific rules first with more general rules later.

**ufw** is not intended to provide complete firewall functionality via its command interface, but instead provides an easy way to add or remove simple rules. It is currently mainly used for host-based firewalls.

The `status` command shows basic information about the state of the firewall, as well as rules managed via the **ufw** command. It does not show rules from the rules files in `/etc/ufw`. To see the complete state of the firewall, users can **ufw show raw**. This displays the filter, nat, mangle and raw tables using:

```
iptables -n -L -v -x -t <table>
ip6tables -n -L -v -x -t <table>
```

See the **iptables** and **ip6tables** documentation for more details.

If the default policy is set to REJECT, **ufw** may interfere with rules added outside of the ufw framework. See README for details.

IPv6 is allowed by default. To change this behavior to only accept IPv6 traffic on the loopback interface, set `IPv6` to 'no' in `/etc/default/ufw` and reload **ufw**. When IPv6 is enabled, you may specify rules in the same way as for IPv4 rules, and they will be displayed with **ufw status**. Rules that match both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses apply to both IP versions. For example, when IPv6 is enabled, the following rule will allow access to port 22 for both IPv4 and IPv6 traffic:

```
ufw allow 22
```

IPv6 over IPv4 tunnels and 6to4 are supported by using the 'ipv6' protocol ('41'). This protocol can only be used with the full syntax. For example:

```
ufw allow to 10.0.0.1 proto ipv6
ufw allow to 10.0.0.1 from 10.4.0.0/16 proto ipv6
```

IPSec is supported by using the 'esp' ('50') and 'ah' ('51') protocols. These protocols can only be used with the full syntax. For example:

```
ufw allow to 10.0.0.1 proto esp
ufw allow to 10.0.0.1 from 10.4.0.0/16 proto esp
ufw allow to 10.0.0.1 proto ah
ufw allow to 10.0.0.1 from 10.4.0.0/16 proto ah
```

In addition to the command-line interface, **ufw** also provides a framework which allows administrators to take full advantage of netfilter. See the **ufw-framework** manual page for more information.

#### SEE ALSO

**ufw-framework**(8), **iptables**(8), **ip6tables**(8), **iptables-restore**(8),

`ip6tables-restore`(8), `sysctl`(8), `sysctl.conf`(5)

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