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About This Guide

Audience

This guide is intended for firewall administrators. It assumes familiarity with UNIX system administration, networking and basic firewall concepts. System administrators should be familiar with TCP/IP, domain name service, sendmail, and router configuration. Consult your local library, bookstore, network resources, and IRIX administrator for additional references.

About This Guide

This guide is comprised of three parts and contains the following chapters:

Part 1, "Introducing the Gauntlet Firewall," presents the initial information about the firewall.

- Chapter 1, "Understanding Firewalls," presents an overview of what firewalls are and why they are important. It presents an overview of how the Gauntlet firewall system works.

Part 2, "Configuring and Using Proxies," explains how to configure the various applications and proxies.

- Chapter 2, "Managing SMTP Services," explains what the SMTP proxy does and how it works. It presents instructions for configuring the Gauntlet firewall, as well as required and potential configuration steps for mail applications.
- Chapter 3, "Managing POP3 Services," explains what the POP3 proxy does and how it works. It presents instructions for configuring the Gauntlet firewall, as well as required and potential configuration steps for mail applications.

- Chapter 4, “Managing Terminal Services,” explains the types of terminal service applications that the Gauntlet firewall supports. It explains what the TELNET and Rlogin proxies do and how they work. It presents instructions for configuring the Gauntlet firewall, as well as required and potential configuration steps for the terminal applications.
- Chapter 5, “Managing FTP Services,” explains what the FTP proxy does and how it works. It presents instructions for configuring the Gauntlet firewall, as well as required and potential configuration steps for the FTP application. It also includes notes on running an anonymous FTP server.
- Chapter 6, “Managing World Wide Web Services,” explains the types of information services the Gauntlet firewall supports. It explains what the HTTP proxy does for HTTP, SHTTP, SSL, and Gopher proxies and how it works. It presents instructions for configuring the Gauntlet firewall, as well as required and potential configuration steps for these applications.
- Chapter 7, “Managing X Window System Services,” explains what the X11 proxy does and how it works. It presents instructions for configuring the Gauntlet firewall, as well as required and potential configuration steps for the X11 applications.
- Chapter 8, “Managing LP Services,” explains what the lp proxy does and how it works. It presents instructions for configuring the Gauntlet firewall, as well as required and potential configuration steps for lp.
- Chapter 9, “Managing News and Other TCP Services,” explains the types of News and network services the Gauntlet firewall supports. It explains what the plug proxy does and how it works. It presents instructions for configuring the Gauntlet firewall, as well as required and potential configuration steps for the News and network applications.
- Chapter 10, “Managing Information Services on the Firewall,” explains what the Info Server does and how it works. It presents instructions for configuring the Gauntlet firewall, as well as required and potential configuration steps for the Info Server.

Part 3, “Administering Gauntlet Firewall Services,” presents information on the other administrative tasks for the Gauntlet firewall.

- Chapter 11, “Managing the Graphical Interface,” explains what the graphical administrative does, and how to use it to configure your Gauntlet Firewall.
- Chapter 12, “Managing User Authentication,” explains what the user authentication management system does, and how to use it with the supported strong authentication systems.
- Chapter 13, “Logging and Reporting,” explains how the system logs activity. It explains the different types of reports, how to configure them, and how to interpret them.
- Chapter 14, “Backups and System Integrity,” discusses firewall backup and explains how to ensure that the firewall contains the files and data that it should.

The Appendixes present reference material.

- Appendix A, “Trusted and Untrusted Tables,” explains the format and precedence of the trusted and untrusted network tables that the Gauntlet firewall uses.
- Appendix B, “Netperm Table,” explains the format and precedence of the netperm-table, which contains configuration information for the Gauntlet firewall, and the concepts behind policies.
- Appendix C, “Virtual Network Perimeters,” explains how you can use your Gauntlet Internet Firewall to exchange encrypted traffic with other Gauntlet Firewalls.

The Glossary presents definitions of terms used in this document.

Conventions Used in This Guide

These type conventions and symbols are used in this guide:

Bold—Literal command-line arguments

Italics—Backus-Naur Form entries, executable names, filenames, IRIX commands, URLs, manual/book titles, new terms, onscreen button names, tools, utilities, variable command-line arguments, and variables to be supplied by the user in examples, code, and syntax statements

`Fixed-width type`—Prompts, and onscreen text.

bold fixed-width type—User input, including keyboard keys (printing and nonprinting); literals supplied by the user in examples, code, and syntax statements (see also `<>`)

ALL CAPS—Environment variables.

“” (Double quotation marks)—Onscreen menu items and references in text to document section titles

() (Parentheses)—Following IRIX commands, parentheses surround the reference page (man page) section number

[] (Brackets)—Surrounding optional syntax statement arguments

`<>` (Angle brackets)—Surrounding nonprinting keyboard keys, for example, `<Esc>`, `<Ctrl-d>`, and surrounding required variables in italicized text.

#—IRIX shell prompt for the superuser (root)

%—IRIX shell prompt for users other than superuser

Additional Resources

This collection of resources is presented as a starting point for your information. It is not an endorsement of any of the products or organizations.

Books

Building Internet Firewalls. Chapman, D. Brent & Zwicky, Elizabeth. O'Reilly & Associates, inc. ISBN 1-56592-124-0.

Firewalls and Internet Security: Repelling the Wily Hacker. Cheswick, Steven M. & Bellovin, William R. Addison Wesley. ISBN 0-201-63357-4.

Newsgroups

comp.security.firewalls—Discussions of anything regarding network security firewalls.

Mailing Lists

The Firewalls mailing list is for discussions of Internet firewall security systems and related issues. Relevant topics include the design, construction, operation, maintenance, and philosophy of Internet firewall security systems.

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subscribe firewalls
```

To subscribe to the digest version of the mailing list, send the following command in the body of an email message (NOT on the "Subject:" line!) to majordomo@greatcircle.com:

```
subscribe firewalls-digest
```

Frequently Asked Questions Lists

The Internet Firewalls Frequently Asked Questions list is maintained by Marcus J. Ranum and located at:

```
http://www.v-one.com/pubs/fw-faq/faq.htm
```

White Papers

Application Gateways and Filtering Gateway: A Comparison of Firewall Designs
Avolio, Frederick M. and Sebes, J. *Data Security Letter*, Number 59.

```
http://www.tis.com/Home/NetworkSecurity/Firewalls/FWComp.html
```

Firewalls Are Not Enough
Avolio, Frederick M. *Data Security Letter*, Number 50.

<http://www.tis.com/Home/NetworkSecurity/Firewalls/FirewallsNotEnough.html>

A Network Perimeter with Secure External Access Avolio, Frederick M. and Ranum, Marcus J. Internet Society Symposium on Network and Distributed Systems Security, February 1994.

<http://www.tis.com/Home/NetworkSecurity/Firewalls/isoc.html>

<ftp.tis.com/pub/firewalls/isoc94.ps.Z>

Thinking About Firewalls Ranum, Marcus J. Presented at SANSII, 1993.

<http://www.tis.com/Home/NetworkSecurity/Firewalls/ThinkingFirewalls.html>

<ftp.tis.com/pub/firewalls/firewalls.ps.Z>

A Toolkit and Methods for Internet Firewalls Avolio, Frederick M. and Ranum, Marcus J.

<http://www.tis.com/Home/NetworkSecurity/Firewalls/Usenix.html>

<ftp.tis.com/pub/firewalls/usenix-paper.ps.Z>

PART ONE

Understanding the Gauntlet Internet Firewall

Understanding the Gauntlet Firewall

The Gauntlet Internet Firewall is a hardware- and software-based firewall system that provides secure access and internetwork communications between private networks and public networks (such as the Internet), and between subnets of private networks. The firewall offers application-level security services for both incoming and outgoing communications based on existing security practices or an organization's security policies.

If the paragraph above does not make any sense, do not despair. This chapter provides an overview of the Gauntlet Firewall and how it works. However, it is not a thorough discussion of firewalls or security practices. Consult "Additional Resources" on page xx for a list of other resources that provide excellent introductory and advanced discussions of firewalls.

Understanding Gauntlet Firewall Concepts

Simply put, a firewall is a single point of defense that protects one side from the other. In networking situations, this usually means protecting a company's private network from other networks to which it is connected. Firewalls can be as simple as a router that filters packets or as complex as a multi-machine, multi-router solution that combines packet filtering with application gateways.

Design Philosophy

The Gauntlet Internet Firewall exemplifies a minimalist and reductionist approach. Simple is better than complex. It follows this paradigm:

That which is not expressly permitted is prohibited.

The firewall must explicitly allow activities, either through system defaults or through your own configurations. New services can't slip through the firewall unless you allow them through. You must be able to identify and remove any "back doors" that may be surreptitiously put into place.

All of the software is written with the idea that simplicity is important with software, as well. The number of lines of code for the various proxies and utilities are smaller than their standard IRIX counterparts. These programs are readable and understandable. They are also examinable by any Gauntlet customer, not hidden away in some sort of black box. The security of the Gauntlet Internet firewall does not depend on secret algorithms or source code.

Recognizing that most security breaches occur through a compromised user account, the Gauntlet Internet Firewall generally has no user accounts. While you can setup an administrator account, users do not need to log into the firewall to access information on the other side.

The Gauntlet Internet Firewall is also auditable, controllable, and configurable. It logs many activities and processes because you cannot go back and capture the exact sequence of events that happened a week before. Of course, you can also configure many options to match your security policies.

Security Perimeter

Establishing a network security perimeter involves designating a network of machines that you wish to protect and defining the mechanisms used to protect them. The firewall is the communications gateway for all hosts within the perimeter. To have a successful network security perimeter, *all* communications to hosts inside the perimeter must pass through the firewall.

Trusted and Untrusted Networks

Your firewall must be configured to differentiate between the "good guys" and the "bad guys." The firewall makes this determination using information you provide about different networks. It understands three types of networks: trusted, untrusted, and unknown.

Trusted Networks

Trusted networks are the networks inside your security perimeter. Trusted networks are usually the ones that you are trying to protect. Often, you or someone in your organization administers the machines on these networks. Your organization controls the security measures for these networks. Usually, they are within the physical security perimeter. They can also be connected by links you control in a Virtual Private Network, as explained in Appendix C

When you set up the firewall, you explicitly configure the networks your firewall can trust. After initial configuration, the trusted networks usually include the firewall itself and all networks behind the firewall.

Untrusted Networks

Untrusted networks are the networks outside your security perimeter. They are untrusted because they are outside of your control or knowledge. You have no control over the administration or security policies for these sites. They are the ones from which you are trying to protect your network. However, you still need to and want to communicate with these networks, even though they are untrusted.

When you setup the firewall, you explicitly configure the networks from which your firewall can accept requests, but which it does not trust. By default, after initial configuration, the untrusted networks are all networks outside the perimeter.

The firewall applies different policies (sets of rules) for requests from untrusted networks than it does for requests from trusted networks. For some types of requests (including TELNET, FTP, rlogin, rsh, and POP3), the firewall may use additional authentication before processing the request. For others, the firewall may deny the request altogether.

Unknown Networks

Unknown networks are those networks that are neither trusted or untrusted. They are unknown quantities to the firewall because you have not explicitly told the firewall that this network is a trusted or an untrusted network. By

default, there are no unknown networks because the default list of untrusted networks covers everything that is not a trusted network.

Consider a company that lists its own networks as the trusted network. The company lists the networks for three clients as the untrusted networks. All other networks on the Internet are now unknown networks and cannot pass requests through the firewall.

Policy

Just as you have a general security policy for your organization, the Gauntlet Internet Firewall uses policies to summarize its rules. The policies are collections of rules about what the firewall can and cannot do in particular situations. They indicate which proxies can run, and whether they require authentication, special logging, or other general settings. The firewall policies, which you create, should be based on your site security policies.

By default, the Gauntlet firewall includes one set of policies for requests from trusted networks and one set of policies for requests from untrusted networks. The firewall determines which policy applies by the source IP address of the request. The default policy for trusted networks does not require users to authenticate; the default policy for untrusted networks does require users to authenticate. When installed, all services are turned off. It is up to you to enable the services which your site needs.

Understanding Gauntlet Firewall Components

Hardware and Software

The Gauntlet firewall uses hardware and software to protect your network.

Hardware

The specific hardware components of the Gauntlet Internet Firewall are the network interfaces. Multiple network interface cards can be used to physically separate networks from one another.

Software

The software components of the firewall include a “hardened” operating system, application-level security services, security programs, and other management utilities.

Operating System

The operating system is a “hardened” version of the standard Silicon Graphic’s IRIX operating system. All known security holes are patched. As part of the firewall, the operating system has been tailored to provide support for only the services necessary to run the firewall. For example, IP packet forwarding is disabled, source routing is not honored, and ICMP redirects are rejected. These services change the directions that routed packets flow and could direct networks to circumvent the firewall. Services such as NFS, NIS, and RPC cannot easily be made secure and so should be disabled (refer to “Introductory Management Form” on page 83 for more information on minimizing exposure.)

Application-Level Security Services (Proxies)

The software on the Gauntlet firewall includes security services on a per-application protocol basis. As noted above, all packets, and therefore all application requests, go to the firewall. On the firewall, proxy software relays information from one side of the firewall to the other. The proxy prevents the applications on outside networks from talking directly with the applications on your inside network, and vice versa. No IP packets pass directly from one side of the firewall to the other. All data is passed at the application level. (The “trusted ports” feature in this implementation is an exception to this generalization.)

Each application generally talks through a different proxy that understands the protocol for that application. Currently, the Gauntlet firewall includes proxies for the following types of services:

- terminal services (TELNET and rlogin)
- electronic mail (SMTP and POP3)
- file transfer services (FTP)
- Usenet news (NNTP)

- Web services (HTTP, SHTTP, SSL)
- Gopher services (Gopher, Gopher+)
- X Window services (X11)
- printing services (lp)

In addition, the Gauntlet firewall includes a generic plug-board proxy. This proxy patches TCP traffic from a particular port on one side of the firewall to a particular port on another system on the other side of the firewall. As with the service specific proxies, no IP packets pass directly from one side of the firewall to the other. If you have not installed a proxy for a service, that type of traffic does not pass through the firewall.

Because the proxies use the same protocols to communicate as the applications, you do not need to modify the original client or server applications. For example, when the TELNET application connects to the firewall it and the proxy both communicate using the standard TELNET protocol in RFCs 764 and 854. You can continue to use the same TELNET application to connect to remote sites.

All of the proxies are configurable. You can accept or reject requests to or from certain sites and networks, or set up other rules that the proxies use when passing requests through the firewall. You can also enable or disable individual proxies and run only the ones that you need. You can easily translate your security policies into configuration rules.

The proxies log all activities to and through the firewall. You can use the logs to gather usage statistics or to look for potential attacks.

In addition, several of the proxies support strong user authentication systems. These one-time passwords or security token systems provide additional security because each time users access the network they use a different password that cannot be reused if “sniffed” by an attacker.

Additional Features

The Gauntlet Firewall provides additional security by using the IRIX IP filter utility *ipfilterd* (see *ipfilterd(1M)*). This allows Gauntlet to check IP packets based on several criteria (for example, address and protocol) and processes or rejects the packets. It detects spoofed packets claiming to be from one

network that are actually from another network. This software also allows Gauntlet to be transparent to your users for most activities.

Management Utilities

In addition, the Gauntlet firewall also contains several programs that ease the job of administering the firewall. These include management tools for configuring the firewall, scripts for reporting activity through the firewall, and performing general administration.

The *gauntlet-admin* administrative tool provides access for most standard configuration activities. You do not need to modify system files or configuration files unless you want to further customize your configuration.

How a Firewall Works

Consider a company, Yoyodyne, that has a connection to the Internet via an Internet service provider (ISP). They have installed a Gauntlet Internet Firewall to protect their corporate network (yoyodyne.com) from all other hosts on the Internet. They are using the standard configuration shown in Figure 1-1.

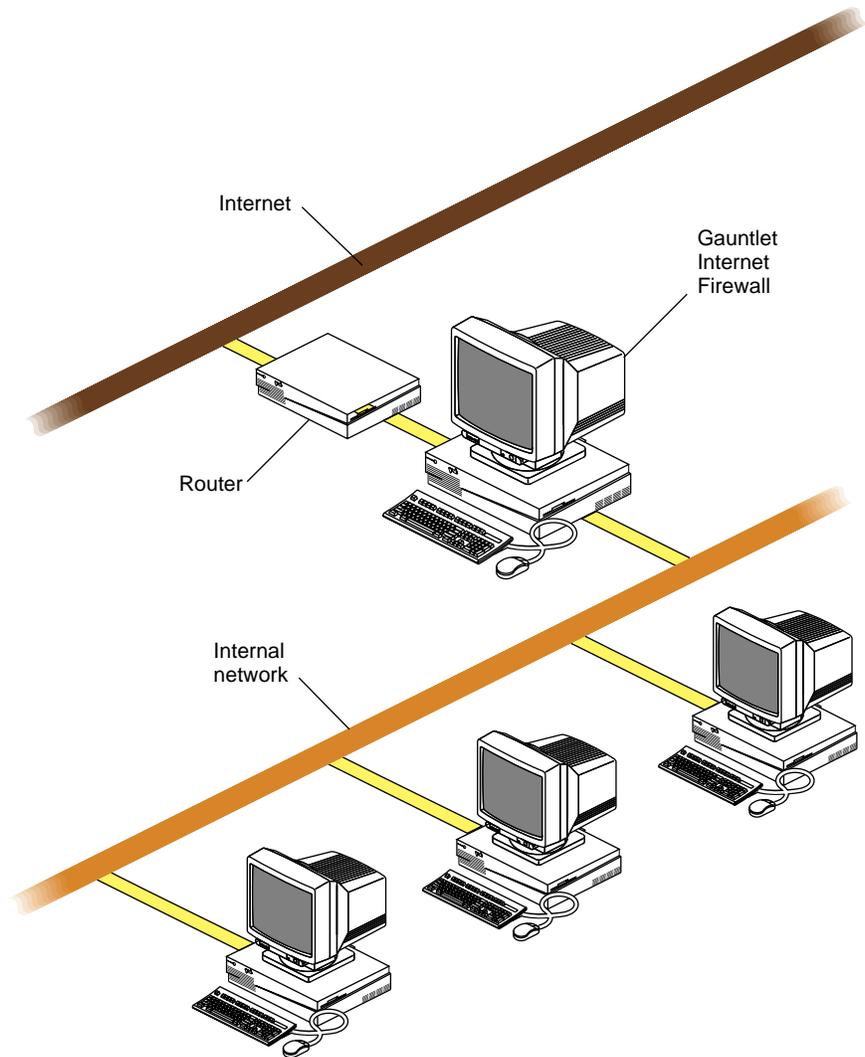


Figure 1-1 Gauntlet Internet Firewall Standard Configuration

The firewall is helping to establish a security perimeter to protect the internal network. It screens *all* requests that need to pass from one side of the firewall to the other. Using rules Yoyodyne created based on their security policies, the firewall determines whether to accept or pass requests through (at the application level) to the other side.

Dual-Homed Bastion Host

In order to protect the inside network, the firewall must be able to see all of the packets intended for hosts on the inside network. While there are a number of ways to physically and logically accomplish this, the recommended configuration is the firewall machine installed as a dual-homed bastion host.

As a dual-homed bastion host, the firewall machine has two network interface cards, and thus two connections: one to your network and one to the outside, as shown in Figure 1-2.

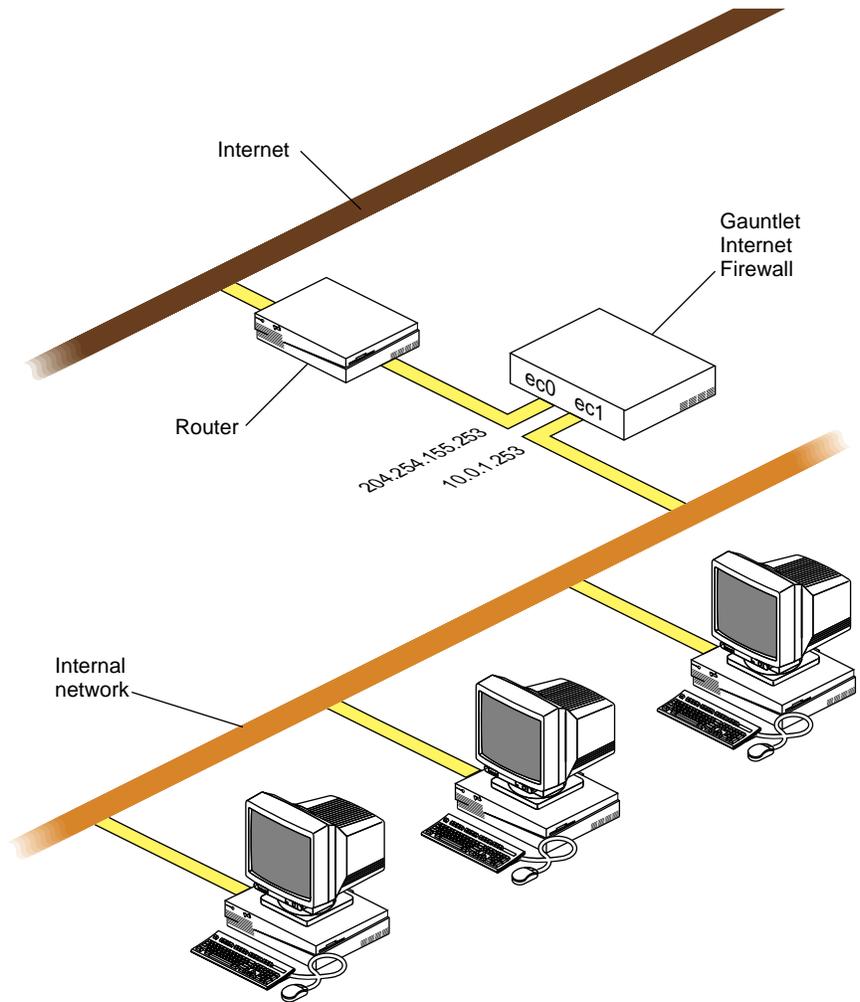


Figure 1-2 Dual-Homed Bastion Host

All outside network traffic enters and exits the firewall through one network interface, such as ec0. Similarly, all inside network traffic enters and exits through a network interface, such as ec1. To accomplish this, each interface has a separate IP address. Yoyodyne was assigned the 204.254.155 network, and chose 204.254.155.253 as the outside IP address and 10.0.1.253 for the inside IP address.

Note: You can also use two firewalls to create a virtual private network (or a virtual network perimeter), exchanging encrypted information across an untrusted network. Because of United States government export regulations, this feature is generally not available outside the United States and Canada. Refer to Appendix C for more information.

Processing Packets and Requests

The firewall follows a standard set of steps for the packets it receives on either interface:

1. Receive packet.
2. Check source and destination.
3. Check request type.
4. Run appropriate program.
5. Process the request.

As we examine each step of the process, consider a Yoyodyne employee working at a client site (outside the perimeter) who needs access to a machine at work via TELNET.

Receive Packet

Routing information on outside hosts and at the ISP directs all requests for the company to the firewall. In addition, the domain name system (DNS) on the firewall and other outside DNS servers advertises the outside IP address of the firewall as the *only* way to connect to anything on the inside network. Hosts on the inside network use routing information to direct all requests for outside networks to the inside address of the firewall.

For example, the client company machines consult their routing information and pass the TELNET request along until it reaches the Yoyodyne firewall.

Check Source and Destination

Once the firewall receives a packet, it must determine what to do. First, the operating system examines the destination of the packet and determines whether it needs to deliver the packet locally. Local delivery includes

packets destined for hosts inside the firewall. The firewall grabs these packets and gives them to an appropriate proxy. If there is no proxy configured to accept a packet, the firewall drops the packet and drops the failed access.

Next, the firewall examines the source address of the packet and the interface on which it received the packet. This process verifies the information against configuration tables, which prevents the firewall from accepting IP spoofed packets. If this check indicates that this request could not possibly have come in through this interface, it rejects the packet and logs it. For example, if the Yoyodyne firewall receives a packet on ec0 (the outside interface) claiming to be from 10.0.1.10 (an inside address), the firewall ignores the packet.

In our TELNET example, the destination of the packet is the firewall. The firewall receives request on ec0, the outside interface. The address does not indicate that it came from an inside network. The firewall accepts the packet for local delivery and processing.

Check Request Type

Now that the firewall is configured to deliver the packet locally, it looks at the contents of the packet. The operating system checks various tables on the firewall to determine if it offers the requested service on the requested port.

In our TELNET example, the packet indicates that it is a TELNET request on port 23. The configuration tables indicate that the firewall supports this type of service.

Run Appropriate Program

Now that the firewall is configured to offer the requested service, the operating system uses other configuration information to start the appropriate program. In our TELNET example, the firewall starts the TELNET proxy, which processes the TELNET request.

Process the Request

The proxy or application now processes the request. It first checks its configuration information. The proxy determines how to handle the request

based on the source (IP address) of the request. By default, it uses one policy (set of rules) for trusted networks and another policy for untrusted networks.

Once configured, the proxy processes the requests as the standard application would. The proxies follow the same protocols and handshakes as indicated in the RFCs or other documents. Requesting applications think they are talking to an actual server, not a proxy.

The proxies also check to determine if the request is permitted for the destination. For some services, the proxies can perform the additional step of authenticating the user. This verification provides additional assurance that the user is really who they says they are. The proxy then passes the request to the appropriate program on the other side of the firewall using the standard protocol for that service.

In our TELNET example, the TELNET proxy uses the generic outside policy because the request came from an outside network. The outside policy permits TELNET to internal machines, but requires authentication. The firewall prompts the user to authenticate. Once the user authenticates, the proxy provides a small menu allowing the user to indicate the internal machine to which they wish to connect. The proxy then uses standard TELNET protocol to pass packets back and forth between the host on the outside network and the host on the inside network.

PART TWO

Configuring and Using Proxies

Managing SMTP Services

For many people, electronic mail is an integral tool for conducting business. Exchanging electronic mail is often the reason that sites decide they need to connect to the Internet. Such connections are not without risks.

The protocol for transferring mail around the Internet is the simple mail transport protocol (SMTP). The transfer requests are handled by a message transfer agent, such as the *sendmail* program used on IRIX systems. The *sendmail* program is large and requires many privileges. Our design philosophy of reductionism frowns upon the direct use of *sendmail* as a critical security component of the Gauntlet Firewall. The Gauntlet Firewall includes a two-part proxy that securely handles the transfer of SMTP mail between the inside and outside networks.

This chapter explains the concepts behind the proxy and how it works, how to configure the proxy for SMTP mail transfer, and how to configure these services to run through the firewall.

Understanding the Proxy

The proxy for SMTP is actually two different processes: a client (*smap*) and daemon (*smapd*). Together, they provide configurable access control and logging mechanisms. The processes, which run on the firewall, transfer mail between internal and external mail servers, based on rules you supply. You can also configure the message transfer agent that the firewall uses to deliver the messages to other hosts.

The proxies also prevent versions of *sendmail* on the inside network from talking with versions of *sendmail* on the outside network. The proxies log all successful and unsuccessful mail connections, and the number of bytes transferred.

How It Works

The firewall runs the client proxy (*smap*) as a daemon listening for requests on the standard SMTP port (25). When the firewall receives requests for SMTP services on this port, the *smap* client collects the mail from the sender, logs the message, and places the mail in a temporary directory. Periodically, based on a configurable value (by default every 60 seconds), the daemon (*smapd*) wakes up and checks to see if there is any new mail. The *smapd* daemon checks the headers of the mail for formatting problems. It then calls the configured message transfer agent (usually *sendmail* in delivery mode) for final delivery.

Both the *smap* client and the *smapd* daemon run using a user ID you specify, such as *uucp*. Rather than running as a root process as *sendmail* often does, the *smap* and *smapd* processes run with as few or as many privileges as you assign. In addition, both programs change their root directory to the transfer directory you specify.

A common policy is to have one mail hub for the inside network. In this scenario, outside networks know (via DNS) that they should send all mail for the domains (yoyodyne.com) on the inside networks to the firewall (firewall.yoyodyne.com) itself for processing. An outside host informs the firewall it has mail by connecting to *smap* on the SMTP port. The *smap* client collects the mail from the outside host and writes it to a directory (*/var/spool/smap*) on the firewall.

At some system administrator-configurable interval, the *smapd* daemon awakens and looks for new mail on the firewall. It parses the mail headers, and calls *sendmail* to deliver the messages. *sendmail* checks its configuration information, which tells it where to deliver mail. For example, its configuration files may tell it to deliver internal mail to an internal mail hub (mail.yoyodyne.com), in which case *sendmail* will transfer the mail to the mail hub using SMTP.

Configuring the Firewall for SMTP

Configuring the Gauntlet firewall involves planning, configuring the firewall, configuring the proxies to enforce your policy, advertising your mail exchanger, and configuring your internal mail hub.

Planning

1. Understand your existing mail configuration: hosts, hubs, and so on.
2. Plan *early* to make your DNS changes for mail records. This may require contacting an outside organization providing DNS service, such as an internet service provider (ISP). We cannot stress enough the importance of this step.

Configuring the Firewall

If you wish to allow SMTP traffic through the firewall, configure the firewall using the *gauntlet-admin* interface. The interface stores this information using *configmail* in conjunction with the auto-configuring version of the *sendmail.cf* configuration file.

To configure the firewall for SMTP, follow these steps:

1. Enter the fully-qualified external hostname of your firewall. For example, *firewall.yoyodyne.com*.
2. Enter the IP address for your firewall external *hostname*. For example, *254.254.155.253*.
3. Enter the e-mail address for your Postmaster. Remember that an actual person (or group of people) should regularly read mail to this address.
4. Provide subdomains to be recognized if you want outgoing mail addresses rewritten to keep subdomain information. The *sendmail* program transforms sender addresses from the *user@host.domain* format (*penny@dimension.yoyodyne.com*) into the *user@domain* format (*penny@yoyodyne.com*). Recognized subdomains will not be stripped off, so *user@host.corp.domain* is rewritten to *user@corp.domain* if *corp* is a recognized subdomain, or *user@domain* if *corp* is not a recognized subdomain. Note that this rewriting affects only certain sender lines (such as *From:*). It does not hide the names of your internal machines in the *Received* and other headers.

If you need an internal mail hub or multiple mail hubs, you must further customize the *sendmail.cf* file on the firewall so that it delivers inbound email to your hub or hubs instead of delivering the mail directly. Refer to the *IRIX Advanced Site and Server Administration Guide* for more information.

Configuring Network Services

You do not need to modify the IRIX configuration files on the firewall to support SMTP traffic. This is a standard service, and you can use *gauntlet-admin* to modify the configuration files. If you need to, you can instruct *gauntlet-admin* to not make modifications so you can make the customizations for your site.

Configuring the Proxy Rules

You should not need to modify the proxy rules for SMTP services. If you do decide to modify */usr/gauntlet/config/template.netperm-table*, you may wish to add the *badadmin* attribute for debugging purposes. Information sent to this alias aids greatly in debugging mail delivery problems. See Appendix B for more information on *smap* and *smapd* options, *netperm-table* options, and order of precedence.

Advertising the Firewall as a Mail Exchanger

You need to advertise the firewall as the mail exchange site for your domain. The DNS configuration in *gauntlet-admin* can do this for you. Consult the section on DNS configuration for specific instructions.

Configuring Your Internal Mail Hub

As long as you are using transparency to pass all packets for outside networks to the firewall, you do not need to configure your internal mail hub or mail agents. Because of the transparency, attempts to deliver to outside network hosts will be grabbed by the firewall.

If you are not using transparency, configure your internal mail hub to use the firewall as a mail forwarder, and direct clients to the internal mail hub. If you don't have an internal mail hub, configure the clients to use the firewall directly as a mail forwarder.

Verifying Your Setup

Verify your configuration by sending mail from an inside host to an outside host. Run mail in verbose mode and send mail to the bouncing service listed below, which automatically generates a reply:

```
dimension-23: Mail -v bouncer@bbnplanet.com
Subject: Test Configuring Mail and the Gauntlet Firewall
This is a test.
.
```

The verbose mode ensures that you see the details of the delivery. The bouncer service sends you a return message shortly.

If you need to test header rewriting or other custom configurations, consider starting *sendmail* in debug mode.

Using Mail

The firewall and the *smap* and *smapd* proxies for SMTP traffic are transparent to the user once the firewall, and possibly client machines, are configured

Managing POP3 Services

Employees and companies are expanding the places in which and the types of machines on which they need to read their electronic mail. For a variety of reasons, it is not convenient to run a full mail transfer system using SMTP on these systems. The Post Office Protocol Version 3 (POP3) is one of the protocols that allow a workstation to access a mail server. The POP3 proxy included with the Gauntlet Firewall allows administrators to selectively allow outside hosts to exchange mail with a POP3 mail server through the firewall. The POP3 server must use APOP for authenticating the user.

This chapter explains the concepts behind the proxy and how it works, how to configure the proxy for POP3 mail transfer, and how to configure POP3 services to run through the firewall.

Understanding the Proxy

The Gauntlet POP3 proxy is an application-level gateway that provides configurable access control, authentication, and logging mechanisms. The POP3 proxy, which runs on the firewall, transfers mail between external workstations and internal mail servers, based on rules you supply:

- source IP address
- source hostname
- destination IP address
- destination hostname
- user name

Using these options, you can configure your firewall to allow specific hosts on outside networks to exchange mail with an internal mail server via POP3. An employee working with a laptop PC running Windows™ needs to read

mail while on travel. The employee can use the mail user agent (such as Eudora Pro) on the laptop to collect their mail from the mail server inside the perimeter. The proxy uses the APOP command (part of the POP3 protocol) for strong authentication. The proxy logs all successful and unsuccessful mail connections, and the number of bytes transferred.

You can configure the POP3 proxy to allow inside workstations to exchange mail with POP3 servers outside the perimeter. According to most security policies (including the Gauntlet Firewall default), it's just not a good idea. The POP3 protocol assumes that the SMTP proxy has already checked the formatting in the headers of incoming mail messages. In addition, allowing POP3 clients to communicate with outside mail servers adds another level of complexity. It bypasses the central control center of the inside mail hub, which rewrites addresses and enforces other company policies. Your mail server should be behind the firewall on the inside network. All POP3 clients on the inside network can collect their mail from this mail server.

How the POP3 Proxy Works

The firewall runs the POP3 proxy (*pop3-gw*) as a daemon listening for requests on the standard POP3 port (110). When the firewall receives requests for POP3 services on this port, the proxy checks its configuration information (in the *netperm-table* file) and determines whether the initiating host has permission to use POP3 services. If the host does not have permission, the proxy logs the connection and displays an error message.

If the host has permission, the POP3 proxy authenticates the user using APOP and logs the connection. The proxy then passes the message on to the POP3 server on the internal mail hub, and authenticates on behalf of the user using APOP. The proxy remains active until either side terminates the connection.

The default policy allows users on outside (untrusted) hosts to connect to a specific internal mail server to collect mail. The firewall itself cannot run a POP3 server, because the POP3 proxy is running on the standard POP3 port.

Configuring the Firewall for POP3

Configuring the Gauntlet firewall involves planning, indicating which daemons the system will run, configuring the proxy to enforce your policy, configuring your internal POP3 server, and creating APOP accounts for users who will need to authenticate.

Planning

Determine your policies for

- source and destination addresses
- user access to POP3

Configuring Network Services

You do not need to modify the IRIX configuration files on the firewall to support POP3 traffic.

Configuring the Proxy Rules

If you are using the Gauntlet Firewall default configuration, you need to modify the proxy rules for POP3 services. This involves accessing the *gauntlet-admin* Proxies form, where you can enter the name of the destination POP3 server and modify the timeout value if you desire.

Configuring Your Internal POP3 Mail Server

Configure your internal POP3 mail server:

1. Configure your POP3 mail server to accept POP3 requests from the firewall. If you need to specify an IP address, remember to use the internal IP address for the firewall.
2. Ensure that the POP3 mail server is using the POP3 port (110).
3. Configure your POP3 mail server to support APOP.

4. Configure the APOP password for each user.

Setting APOP Passwords on the Firewall

1. Set the APOP password on the firewall for each POP3 user. On the firewall, use the `/usr/etc/apopkey` program:

```
# apopkey -s -u pop3user
```

where *pop3user* is the name of the user you created in the authentication management system. The password you enter must match the APOP password you entered for this user when you configured the POP3 mail server. This stores the APOP password on the firewall in the file `/etc/apop.pass`.

2. Protect the APOP password file (`/etc/apop.pass`) by changing the file ownership and permissions. This file should only be readable by the user and group which proxies run by default (configurable using *gauntlet-admin*).

Note: The user's APOP password is independent of any password the user might or might not have in the main Gauntlet user authentication database. This is unfortunate but unavoidable, if *pop3-gw* is to work with unmodified POP clients and servers.

Verifying Your Setup

Verify your setup by retrieving mail (using POP3) from a host outside the perimeter. See "Using POP3 to Exchange Mail" on page 26 for instructions.

Using POP3 to Exchange Mail

Because the POP3 proxy requires authentication, users must follow different procedures to use POP3 services.

To retrieve electronic mail using POP3 with authentication, follow these steps:

Note that the order of these steps may differ for different user agents.

1. Configure the mail user agent and set the name of the POP3 server to the firewall.
2. Retrieve mail, causing the user agent to connect to the firewall.
3. Authenticate to the proxy by supplying your APOP password.
4. Continue as though the firewall were not there.

The example below shows a user named John working on an outside network who needs to retrieve mail from the mail server on the inside network.

First, John configures his mail reader to get his mail via POP3 from the firewall. Figure 3-1 shows the configuration screen for Eudora Pro for Windows, a popular mail application.

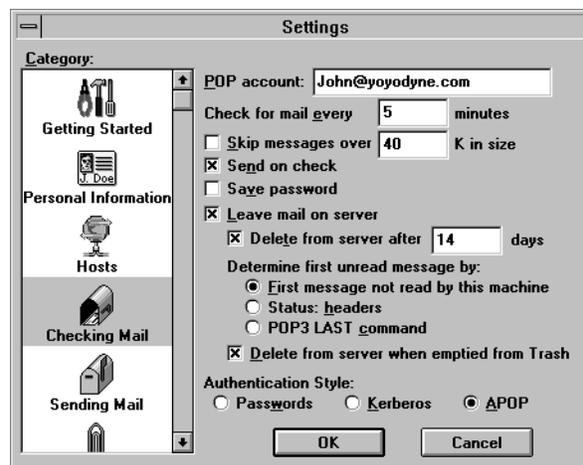


Figure 3-1 Eudora Pro Configuration for APOP

John, working on his laptop (cavalier.yoyodyne.com) at home, configures his mail reader to connect to the firewall (firewall.yoyodyne.com) to get his mail.

Next, John retrieves his mail. As part of the connection, the proxy requests authentication information from the user agent, which prompts him.

After authenticating, the proxy transfers the request to the internal POP3 mail server (mail.yoyodyne.com), authenticates using the user's POP password as stored on the firewall, and retrieves his mail.

Managing Terminal Services

Terminal service access to other computers can be a vital part of many network activities. The TELNET and rlogin protocols are used for making these terminal connections, and they are not without risk. The Gauntlet Firewall includes proxies for both the TELNET and rlogin protocols, which securely handle terminal services between the inside and outside networks.

This chapter explains the concepts behind the TELNET and rlogin proxies and how they work, how to configure the proxies, and how to use terminal services.

Understanding the Proxies

The Gauntlet TELNET and rlogin proxies are application-level proxies that provide configurable access control, authentication, and logging mechanisms. The TELNET and rlogin proxies, which run on the firewall, pass TELNET and rlogin requests through the firewall, using rules you supply. You can configure the proxies to allow connections based on

- source IP address
- source hostname
- destination IP address
- destination hostname

Using these options, you can configure your firewall to allow specific hosts on outside networks to connect to inside hosts or vice versa. Employees working at customer sites can access their workstations inside the perimeter.

The strong authentication features of the proxies allow administrators to require users to authenticate before connecting. The proxies log all

successful and unsuccessful connection attempts, and the amount of data transferred.

Used together, these access controls and log files allow you to have much more control over the connections to and from your system than you have when you use the standard IRIX TELNET and rlogin programs.

Note that you can use the TELNET proxy without the rlogin proxy, or rlogin without TELNET. You can configure different policies for hosts and authentication, as well.

How the Proxies Work

In the default configuration, the IRIX system runs the network access control daemon (*netacl*) as a daemon listening for requests on the standard TELNET port (23). Whenever the firewall receives a TELNET request on this port, the *netacl* daemon checks its configuration information (in the *netperm-table* file) and determines whether the initiating host has permission to use TELNET. If the host has permission, the *netacl* daemon starts the standard TELNET program (*telnetd*) or the TELNET proxy (*tn-gw*), depending upon the originating host. If the host does not have permission, the daemon displays an error message. Similarly, the *netacl* daemon running on the standard login (513) starts either the rlogin daemon (*rlogind*) or the rlogin proxy (*rlogin-gw*).

The default policy for this scenario is to allow all inside hosts to initiate TELNET or rlogin sessions without authenticating. The inside host passes TELNET requests to the firewall, which starts the *netacl* daemon. The *netacl* daemon checks its permissions, and determines that the inside host can use TELNET. The *netacl* daemon starts the proxy. The proxy logs the transaction and passes the request to the outside host. The proxy remains active until either side closes the connection.

The default policy for this scenario allows outside hosts to initiate TELNET or rlogin sessions after authenticating. The outside host passes TELNET requests to the firewall, which starts the *netacl* daemon. The *netacl* daemon checks its permissions, and determines that the outside host can use TELNET. The *netacl* daemon starts the proxy. The proxy prompts the user for authentication. If it is successful, the proxy prompts the user for the inside

host, logs the transaction, and passes the request to the inside host. The proxy remains active until either side closes the connection.

Note that users are not logging into the firewall directly. While users use the proxy on the firewall for authentication, the proxy simply passes the user's TELNET or rlogin session on to the appropriate host.

If you need to log in remotely to the firewall, you must use *netacl* to start the proxies. In this configuration, administrators on either inside or outside hosts initiate TELNET requests to the firewall, which accesses the *netacl* daemon. The *netacl* daemon checks its permissions, and determines that the host can use TELNET. The *netacl* daemon starts the proxy. The proxy prompts the user for authentication. If it is successful, the proxy prompts the user for the host and logs the transaction. When the user indicates a wish to connect to the firewall itself (by specifying the destination "localhost"), the *netacl* daemon reviews the destination and starts the actual IRIX TELNET daemon.

Configuring the Firewall for Terminal Services

Configuring the Gauntlet firewall involves planning, configuring the firewall, indicating which daemons the system will run, configuring the proxies to enforce your policy, and adding the users who will need to authenticate to the Gauntlet user authentication database.

Planning

1. Determine whether you wish to allow TELNET connections through the firewall.
2. Determine whether you wish to allow rlogin connections through the firewall.
3. Determine whether you wish to allow remote access to the firewall itself. Working from the physical firewall console is more secure than connecting from another host on a network. If you work remotely to administer the firewall, you risk disclosure of the user authentication management database and disclosure of the authentication passwords. Circumstances sometimes prohibit physical access to the firewall, so the firewall can be configured to allow remote access.

4. Determine your policies for authentication.

Configuring the Firewall

If you wish to allow remote system administrator login to the firewall itself, configure the firewall using the *gauntlet-admin* interface to permit remote logins.

This setting actually changes the settings in the *netperm-table* file so that the TELNET and rlogin proxies will start the actual TELNET and rlogin daemons when you try to connect to the firewall itself using the “localhost” host name.

Configuring Network Services

You do not need to modify the IRIX configuration files on the firewall to support TELNET or rlogin traffic.

Configuring the Proxy Rules

If you are using the Gauntlet Firewall default configuration, you do not need to modify the proxy rules for TELNET or rlogin services. If you have chosen different welcome or other messages, you must modify */usr/gauntlet/config/template.netperm-table* to reflect your configuration. See Appendix B for more information on *tn-gw* and *rlogin-gw* options, *netperm-table* options, and order of precedence.

Creating Authentication User Entries

Use the authentication management system to add users to the Gauntlet user authentication database for any users who need to authenticate when using TELNET and rlogin services. See Chapter 12 for more information.

Verifying Your Setup

Verify your configuration by connecting to an inside host from an outside host. See the section below for instructions.

Using Terminal Services

You can configure the proxies so that they are transparent to your users. Enable transparent proxies using *gauntlet-admin* to configure the proxies so that users working on the trusted networks behind the firewall do not see a change in their daily TELNET and rlogin activities.

Using Authentication

If you have configured any terminal services to require authentication, users must follow different procedures to use TELNET or rlogin.

To TELNET using authentication, follow these steps:

1. TELNET to the firewall itself.
2. Authenticate to the proxy.
3. Connect to the desired host.
4. Continue as before.

The default policy for the TELNET proxy is to authenticate all requests from untrusted networks to or through the firewall. The example below shows a sample TELNET session from an untrusted network to a trusted network, using S/Key authentication at the firewall

```
blaze.clientsite.com-28: telnet firewall.yoyodyne.com
Trying 204.255.154.100...
Connected to firewall.yoyodyne.com

Escape character is '^]'.
Username: scooter
Skey Challenge: s/key 651 fi19289 SAFE DUB RISK CUE YARD NIL

Login Accepted
firewall.yoyodyne.com telnet proxy (Version 3.1) ready:
```

```
tn-gw> c dimension
Trying 10.0.1.120 port 23...
Connected to dimension.yoyodyne.com
BSDI BSD/OS 2.0.1 (dimension) (ttyp5)
login: scooter
Password: #####

Welcome to dimension.yoyodyne.com
3:57PM up 16 days, 5:35, 4 users, load averages: 0.03,
0.01, 0.00
dimension-26:
```

In this example, Scooter, working at a client site (blaze.clientsite.com), needs TELNET access to a machine behind the firewall (dimension.yoyodyne.com). He first telnets to the firewall for Yoyodyne (firewall.yoyodyne.com). The TELNET proxy on firewall prompts him to authenticate. Scooter provides his authentication user ID (scooter). When the proxy prompts, he enters the response to the authentication challenge. The proxy authenticates scooter.

Scooter indicates the host he needs to access (dimension). The TELNET proxy connects Scooter to dimension, and the TELNET daemon running on that machine. The TELNET daemon on dimension prompts Scooter for his user name and password on dimension. The TELNET daemon on dimension verifies Scooter's user name and password, and logs him in.

Managing FTP Services

Sometimes the easiest way to transfer information from one machine to another is to actually transfer the relevant files. The file transfer protocol (FTP) is one of several protocols that make this possible. The Gauntlet firewall includes a proxy that securely allows the transfer of files from the outside network to the inside network.

This chapter explains the concepts behind the FTP proxy and how it works, how to configure the proxy, and how to use FTP services. A section also discusses considerations for running anonymous FTP servers.

Understanding the FTP Proxy

The Gauntlet FTP proxy is an application-level proxy that provides configurable access control, authentication, and logging mechanisms.

The FTP proxy, which runs on the firewall, passes FTP requests through the firewall, using rules you supply. You can configure the FTP proxy to allow file transfer activity based on

- source IP address
- source hostname
- destination IP address
- destination hostname
- FTP command (for example, STOR and RETR)

Using these options, you can configure your firewall to allow specific hosts on outside networks to transfer files to and from inside hosts. Employees working at specific customer sites can access files on their workstations. Similarly, you can configure your firewall to permit users on the inside

network to copy files (using the FTP daemon RETR command) from hosts on the outside network, but not place files (using the FTP daemon STOR command) on these outside hosts.

The strong authentication feature of the FTP proxy allows administrators to require users to authenticate before transferring files. The FTP proxy logs all successful and unsuccessful file transfer attempts, and the number of bytes transferred.

Used together, these access controls and log files allow you to have much more control over the files entering and leaving your system than using the standard IRIX FTP programs.

How the FTP Proxy Works

In this most common scenario, the firewall runs the network access control daemon (*netacl*) as a daemon listening for requests on the standard FTP port (21). Whenever it receives an FTP request on this port, the *netacl* daemon checks its configuration information (in the *netperm-table* file) and determines whether the initiating host has permission to use FTP. If the host has permission, the *netacl* daemon starts the standard FTP server (*ftpd*) or the FTP proxy (*ftp-gw*). If the host does not have permission, the daemon displays an error message.

The default policy for this scenario is to allow all inside hosts to initiate FTP sessions and transfer files without authenticating. The inside host passes FTP requests to the firewall, which starts the *netacl* daemon. The *netacl* daemon checks its permissions, and determines that the inside host can use FTP. The *netacl* daemon starts the *ftp-gw*. The proxy logs the transaction and passes the request to the outside host. The *ftp-gw* remains active until either side terminates the connection. The default policy also allows outside hosts to initiate FTP sessions. However, they must authenticate before accessing inside hosts.

The default policy does not allow either inside or outside hosts to FTP directly to the firewall itself. If you configure your Gauntlet firewall to allow anonymous FTP to the firewall, hosts connect to the firewall with an FTP request. The firewall starts the *netacl* daemon. The *netacl* daemon checks its permissions, and determines that outside hosts can use FTP to the firewall

itself. The *netacl* daemon starts the standard FTP daemon (in a chrooted environment).

This configuration using *netacl* allows a fair amount of flexibility in configuring FTP services. Users inside the perimeter can continue to interact with outside hosts, generally without authentication. Users outside the perimeter can interact with inside hosts, generally with authentication.

Configuring the Firewall for FTP Services

Configuring the Gauntlet firewall involves planning, indicating which daemons the system will run, configuring the FTP proxy to enforce your policy, and creating user accounts for users who will need to authenticate.

Planning

1. Determine whether you wish to allow outside hosts to FTP through the firewall to inside hosts or to the firewall itself. This decision will determine whether or you need to use the network access control daemon.
2. Determine your policies for
 - requiring authentication
 - allowing specific FTP commands (for example, RETR and STOR)
 - permitting or denying specific sources and destination

Configuring Network Services

You do not need to modify the IRIX configuration files on the firewall to support FTP traffic.

Configuring the Proxy Rules

If you are using the Gauntlet Firewall default configuration, you do not need to modify the proxy rules for FTP services. Use the *gauntlet-admin* Proxies

form if you want to enable FTP or anonymous FTP. If you have chosen a different denial message, you must modify `/usr/gauntlet/config/template.netperm-table` to reflect your configuration. See Appendix B for more information on `ftp-gw` options, `netperm-table` options, and order of precedence.

Creating Authentication User Entries

Use the authentication management system to add users to the Gauntlet user authentication database for any users who need to authenticate when using FTP services. See Chapter 12 for more information.

Verifying Your Setup

Verify your configuration by transferring files to an inside host from an outside host. For example, connect to your favorite FTP site and download their `README` file. See the section below for instructions.

Using FTP Services

The idea behind the FTP proxy is that most users working on the trusted networks behind the firewall will not see a change in their daily FTP activities. The default policy allows users on trusted networks to FTP to untrusted networks without authenticating. Users on the trusted networks do not need to change their FTP procedures.

Using Authentication

If you have configured any FTP activities to require authentication, users must follow different procedures to use FTP.

To FTP using authentication, follow these steps:

1. FTP to the firewall itself.
2. Authenticate to the proxy.

3. Connect to the desired FTP server.
4. Continue as before.

A common policy for the FTP proxy is to authenticate all requests from untrusted networks to or through the firewall. The example below shows a sample FTP session from an untrusted network to a trusted network, using S/Key authentication at the firewall.

```
blaze.clientsite.com-27: ftp firewall.yoyodyne.com
Connected to firewall.yoyodyne.com
220-Proxy first requires authentication

220 firewall.yoyodyne.com FTP proxy (Version 3.1) ready.
Name (firewall.yoyodyne.com:clancy): clancy
331 Skey Challenge: s/key 653 fi19289
Password: <password does not display>
230 User authenticated to proxy
ftp> user clancy@dimension
331- (-----GATEWAY CONNECTED TO dimension-----)
331- (220 dimension FTP server ready.)
331 Password required for clancy.
Password: #####
230 User clancy logged in.
ftp>
```

In this example, Clancy, working at a client site (blaze.clientsite.com), needs FTP access to a machine behind the firewall (dimension.yoyodyne.com). He first FTPs to the firewall for Yoyodyne (firewall.yoyodyne.com). The FTP proxy on firewall prompts him to authenticate. Clancy provides his authentication user ID (clancy). When the proxy prompts, he enters the response to the authentication challenge, which does not display. The proxy authenticates clancy.

Clancy indicates the host he needs to access and his user name for that host (clancy@dimension). The FTP proxy connects Clancy to dimension and prompts him for his password on dimension. Clancy enters his password for dimension. The FTP server on dimension verifies Clancy's user name and password, and logs him in. Clancy can now transfer files.

Using Authentication With Some GUI FTP Tools

The FTP proxy can require you to authenticate twice. Some GUI FTP tools for Microsoft Windows and the Macintosh require you to specify the user name and password in a dialog box. These tools assume that once you supply this information, you are connected.

The FTP proxy displays the challenge and response information for authentication in FTP comments. Some Microsoft Windows™ and Macintosh™ operating system FTP tools do not display FTP comments. Unless users see the comment, they will have a really difficult time trying to guess the current challenge. You can still use these FTP tools with S/key authentication, by combining the authentication and FTP host information.

To authenticate using some GUI tools, follow these steps:

1. For the hostname, supply the name of the firewall.
2. For the user name, supply the firewall authentication user name, the FTP host user name, and the name of the FTP host, in the form
authentication-username@ftp-host-username@ftp-host.
3. For the password, supply the authentication response and the FTP host password in the form
authentication-response@ftp-host-password

You may need to TELNET to the firewall to see what the next challenge is.

The example below shows the information a user would enter in their FTP tool when going from an untrusted network to a trusted network, using S/Key authentication for the firewall:

```
host:firewall.yoyodyne.com
username:clancy@clancy@dimension
password:elk elba iris odd skim lee@#####
```

Because you cannot tell what the next challenge will be when using most other challenge-response authentication mechanisms, you may not be able to use these instructions with some GUI FTP tools.

Running an Anonymous FTP Server

By its very nature, an anonymous FTP server requires easy access by the public. If you place the anonymous FTP server behind the firewall, you are allowing an additional type of access within your security perimeter. If you place the FTP server on the firewall itself, you are allowing additional access to your firewall.

Gauntlet for IRIX allows you to tun the standard IRIX FTP server (*ftpd*) in an isolated chrooted environment as an anonymous FTP server (but you give up the ability to allow authenticated users from untrusted networks to use *ftp-gw* to access trusted networks). However, the best solution is generally to place your anonymous FTP server on a machine outside the perimeter. Follow good host-oriented security practices for this machine:

- turn off all other services
- create the minimum number of user accounts
- use strong authentication
- patch your operating system and applications
- use checksums to watch for file changes
- back up frequently.

You can also use the Info Server included with the Gauntlet firewall as an anonymous FTP server on the firewall itself. See Chapter 11 for more information.

Managing Gopher and WWW Services

What can we say about the World Wide Web? Your users probably argue that they really need it to do their jobs. There is a vast wealth of information stored on machines connected the Internet. The graphical interfaces of browsers and web pages make it much easier to access and digest this information. Along with this ease can come problems. World Wide Web (WWW) services allow for the transfer of a wide variety of file types and for running a number of different programs. This complexity means a greater potential for problems. These services are generic file transfer mechanisms and require logging and access control consistent with FTP and terminal services.

The HTTP proxy included with the Gauntlet Firewall securely handles requests for information via hypertext, Gopher, and file transfer. The proxy supports hypertext transfer via the HTTP, SHTTP, and SSL protocols; Gopher transfer via Gopher and Gopher+ protocols; and file transfer via FTP.

This chapter explains the concepts behind the HTTP proxy and how it works; how to configure the proxy for web services, Gopher services, and file transfer services; and how to configure these services to run through the firewall. In addition, it includes information on running HTTP and Gopher servers.

Understanding the Proxy

The Gauntlet HTTP proxy is an application-level proxy that provides configurable access control and logging mechanisms. The HTTP proxy, which runs on the firewall, passes HTTP, SHTTP, SSL, and Gopher requests, and FTP URLs and selectors through the firewall, using rules you supply. You can configure the proxy to allow connections based on

- source IP address
- source hostname
- destination IP address
- destination hostname

Using these options, you can configure your firewall to allow clients on the inside network to access Gopher sites on the outside network. You can also limit the web sites your employees can access from machines on the inside network. The proxies log all successful and unsuccessful connection attempts, and the amount of data transferred.

You can configure the HTTP proxy to allow outside hosts to access web and Gopher servers behind your firewall on inside networks. According to most security policies (including the Gauntlet Firewall default), this is not a good idea. By design, these services require easy access by people all over the Internet. See the section on “*Configuring the Firewall for WWW and Gopher Services*” at the end of this chapter.

How It Works

The IRIX system runs the HTTP proxy as a daemon listening for requests on the standard HTTP port (80) and/or the standard gopher port. When the firewall receives requests for services (via HTTP, SHTTP, SSL, Gopher, or Gopher+), the proxy looks at the request and places it in one of several categories. The proxy then checks the appropriate configuration information (in the *netperm-table* file) and determines whether the initiating host has permission to use the desired service to the desired destination. If the host does not have permission, the proxy logs the connection and displays an error message.

If the host has permission, the *http-gw* proxy passes the request to the desired host using the standard port (or the port specified in the request). As the outside host returns data to the requesting client, the firewall translates the data into the form the client expects and returns the data to the client. The proxy remains active until either side terminates the connection.

The default configuration for HTTP requests allows all inside hosts to access any WWW sites. In this scenario, the web browser on the inside host passes

a request with a URL for a particular web page to the firewall on port 80. The request is received by the *http-gw* proxy. The proxy examines the request and determines that it is a basic request for HTTP service. The proxy checks the source and destination ports in the *netperm-table* file. It then sends the request to the web server specified in the URL. When it receives the requested data, it passes the data back to the requesting web browser.

If the request is for Gopher or FTP services (from a Web or Gopher client), it is still the *http-gw* proxy which receives the request, and it still uses the *http-gw* rules.

If the request is for some sort of secure HTTP transaction using either the SHTTP or SSL protocols, the proxy performs the appropriate hand-off with the secure server at the other end of the connection.

Configuring the Firewall for WWW and Gopher Services

Configuring the Gauntlet firewall involves planning, indicating which daemons the system will run, and configuring the proxies to enforce your policy.

Planning

1. Determine which services you will allow.
2. Determine your policies for source and destination sites.

Configuring Network Services

You do not need to modify the IRIX configuration files on the firewall to support HTTP, SHTTP, SSL, Gopher, or FTP.

Configuring the Proxy Rules

If you are using the Gauntlet Firewall default configuration, you do not need to modify the proxy rules for HTTP and Gopher services. If you have chosen other options, you must modify */usr/gauntlet/config/template.netperm-table* to

reflect your configuration. See Appendix B for more information on *http-gw* options, *netperm-table* options, and order of precedence. Remember that the HTTP proxy uses its own rules for FTP transfers. If you have denied a particular site for the FTP proxy, you will want to deny it for the HTTP proxy as well.

Verifying Your Setup

Verify your setup by connecting to some of your favorite WWW, Gopher, and FTP sites. Connect to secure Web sites as well. See the section below for specific configuration instructions.

Using Web Services

Once you have configured a proxy-aware Web browser, the HTTP proxy is generally transparent to the user. When using a browser that does not support proxies, users need to modify their activities.

Using Proxy-Aware Browsers

Many Web browsers, such as Netscape and Mosaic are aware of application proxies for different types of Web services. Once you configure these browsers, the browser sends the request to the appropriate proxy.

Configuring Web Browsers

The steps vary depending upon the browser, operating system, and version. Some browsers allow you to indicate the information using a dialog box from a preferences menu, while others require you to edit a configuration file, and others use environment variables.

To configure the browser, follow these steps:

1. Specify the name of the firewall for the HTTP proxy and port 8080 as the HTTP port.
2. Specify the name of the firewall for the Gopher proxy and port 8080 as the Gopher port.

3. Specify the name of the firewall for the FTP proxy and port 8080 as the FTP port. Note that this is not the standard FTP port 23. When the firewall receives an FTP request on port 8080, the *http-gw* proxy does the actual FTP processing, not the *ftp-gw* proxy. This is because Web browsers use the HTTP protocol to communicate with the firewall proxy, not the FTP protocol.
4. Specify the name of the firewall for the security proxy and port 8080 as the security port.

Note that if you use the IP address instead of the hostname, you must use the internal IP address of the firewall.

Figure 6-1 shows the configuration screen for version 2.0 of Netscape Navigator for Microsoft Windows.

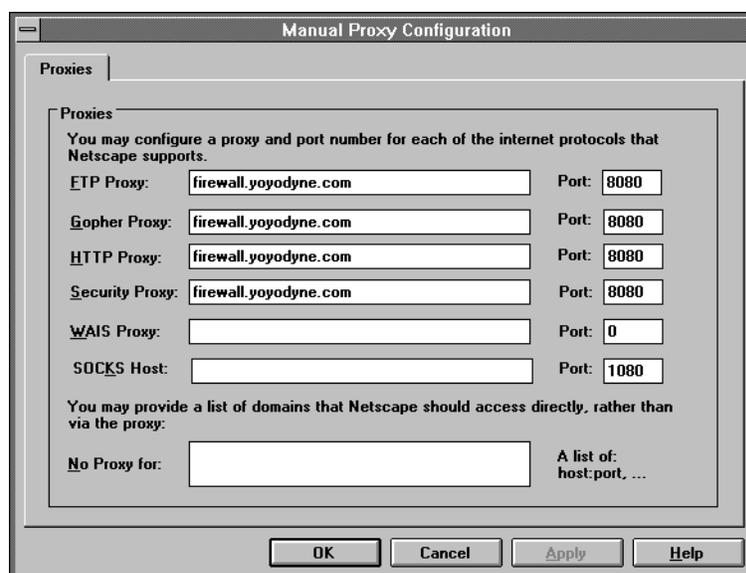


Figure 6-1 Proxy Configuration for Netscape Navigator 2.0 for Windows

Accessing Web Services

Once configured, the proxy is transparent to the user. Users can continue to access the Web as they did before.

If you have configured the proxies to block certain types of services (for example, no Gopher services) or to block certain destinations (for example, no educational [.edu] sites) users do see your denial messages.

Using Non-Proxy-Aware Browsers

Some older Web browsers are not aware of proxies. Using these browsers, you must explicitly send your requests through the firewall.

Configuring Web Browsers

The steps vary depending upon the browser, operating system, and version.

To configure the browser, set up the default home page as the name of the firewall, using the inside address, for example:

```
http://firewall.yoyodyne.com
```

Accessing Web Services

For regular use of a web browser, if you cannot create a default home page, prefix each URL you enter with the name of the firewall and the proxy port. For example:

```
http://www.clientsite.com
```

becomes

```
http://firewall:8080/http://www.clientsite.com
```

where firewall is the hostname of the firewall (firewall.yoyodyne.com). You must also prepend all saved URLs in bookmarks and hotlists.

Using Gopher Services

The firewall configuration for the *http-gw* proxy for Gopher services is transparent to the user if transparent proxies have been enabled using *gauntlet-admin*. Users can continue to point their Gopher clients to Gopher servers as they did before.

If you have disabled transparent proxies, then users must rewrite each Gopher address. If a user has a set of bookmarks for Gopher servers that was created before you installed the firewall, the user must modify the bookmark information to include the name of the firewall. For example:

```
name: Big University Gopher Server
host: gopher.bigu.edu
port: 70
path:
```

becomes

```
name: Big University Gopher Server
host: firewall.yoyodyne.com
port: 8080
path: gopher://gopher.bigu.edu:70
```

Running a WWW Server

By its very nature, a WWW server requires easy access by the public. If you place the WWW server behind the firewall, you are allowing an additional type of access within your security perimeter. If you place the WWW server on the firewall itself, you are allowing additional access to your firewall. Furthermore, *most* WWW servers are large and complicated pieces of software, and running such software on the firewall increases the likelihood that someone may be able to exploit bugs in the WWW server to break into your firewall

The best solution is generally to place your WWW server on a machine outside the perimeter. Follow good host-oriented security practices for this machine:

- turn off all other services
- create the minimum number of user accounts
- use strong authentication
- patch your operating system and applications
- use checksums to watch for file changes
- back up frequently.

You can also use the Info Server included with the Gauntlet firewall as a WWW server on the firewall itself. See Chapter 10 for more information.

Managing X Window Services

The X Window System provides many features and functions that allow machines to share input and output devices. A user running the X Window System on one machine can display the results of a graphical program on another machine running an X Window client. This flexibility is also the source of a number of well-known security problems. When you allow access to your display, you are essentially allowing access to your screen, mouse and keyboard. Most sites do not want to provide this sort of free access to their machines, but administrators recognize that these services can be useful. The X11 proxy included with the Gauntlet Firewall allows administrators to selectively allow X11 services through their firewall.

This chapter explains the concepts behind the X11 proxy and how it works, how to configure the proxy, and how to use X11 services through the firewall.

Understanding the X11 Proxy

The Gauntlet X11 proxy is an application-level proxy that provides configurable access control. The proxy, which runs on the firewall, passes X11 display requests through the firewall, using rules you supply. You can configure the proxy to allow display requests based on

- display name
- user

Using these rules, you can configure your firewall to allow only certain machines on the inside network to display information from machines on an outside network. An employee working on the inside network can configure his or her machine to display information from a program on a client's machine on the outside network. Similarly, you can configure your firewall to permit only certain users to use the X11 proxy.

The X11 proxy also requires the user to confirm each new request for a connection to their display. Because of the lack of strong authentication systems for X11, this reconfirmation provides an additional opportunity to confirm that you really want to accept the connection. You can watch for other people trying to hijack your display.

Because the X11 proxy works in conjunction with the TELNET and Rlogin proxies, you can still configure access based on the source or destination hostname or IP address. The strong authentication feature is also available. The TELNET and Rlogin proxies also log X requests and connections.

How the X11 Proxy Works

Unlike some of the other Gauntlet proxies, the firewall does not start the X11 proxy when it receives display requests. Instead, users must explicitly start the X11 proxy from either the TELNET or Rlogin proxy. The firewall denies all requests for services on the standard X port (6000).

A user TELNETs to the firewall, which runs the TELNET proxy. After checking permissions and authenticating users (as described in chapter 13), the TELNET proxy (*tn-gw*) displays a prompt for the user. At the prompt, the user indicates a wish to allow X displays across the firewall. The TELNET proxy starts the X11 proxy (*x-gw*) on port 6010 (corresponding to X display “:10”) or higher. The X11 proxy checks its configuration information (in the *netperm-table* file) and determines whether the initiating user has permission to use X11 services related to the desired display.

If the user has permission, the proxy creates a “virtual display” on the firewall for the requesting client. When the outside X client requests access to the user’s display, the virtual display server passes a query display to the X server on the display machine. This X server displays the query window on the real display, prompting the user to confirm the request. After the user confirms the request, the real X server receives the display information from the virtual X server. The proxy remains active until either end closes the connection.

The default policy is to allow both inside and outside hosts to start the X11 proxy.

Configuring the Firewall for X11 Services

Configuring the Gauntlet firewall involves planning, indicating which daemons the system will run, and configuring the proxies to enforce your policy.

Planning

1. Determine whether you wish to allow X11 display connections through the firewall.
2. Determine which users and which displays can issue and receive display requests.
3. Ensure that your policies for X11 services and TELNET and Rlogin are compatible.

Configuring Network Services

You do not need to modify your network files on the firewall to use the X11 proxy. The TELNET and Rlogin proxies are the only programs that can start the X proxy, and they read their configuration information from the *netperm-table* file.

Configuring the Proxy Rules

To enable the X11 proxy for TELNET and Rlogin users, use the *gauntlet-admin* Proxies form.

Alternatively, you may modify */usr/gauntlet/config/template.netperm-table* to configure the X11 proxy to enforce more specific security policies. See Appendix B for more information on *x-gw* options, *netperm-table* options, and order of precedence.

Verifying Your Setup

TELNET to a machine outside the perimeter and display an X11 client on your machine inside the perimeter. See the section below for instructions.

Using X11 Services

Users need to follow slightly different procedures to use X11 services through a firewall. The minimal time needed for these additional steps outweighs the time and money you would spend to recover after someone hijacks your display.

To use X11 services, follow these steps:

1. Allow the firewall to access your display (remember, it is the firewall you permit to access your display, not the client).
2. TELNET (or Rlogin) to the firewall.
3. Authenticate to the proxy, if necessary.
4. Start the X proxy.
5. TELNET (or Rlogin) to the desired host.
6. Inform the client of the host and display information that the proxy provides.
7. Start the X client application.
8. Confirm the display request on the real display.

The example below shows a user working on the inside network who needs to display information from a program running on a machine on an outside network.

Clancy Rawhide, working at his machine (dimension) on the inside network, needs to run an X program on a client machine (blaze.clientsite.com) on an outside network, and display the results on his display. He first gives the firewall access to his system's display. He then TELNETs to the firewall for Yoyodyne (firewall.yoyodyne.com). The policy for his site does not require authentication for inside requests, so the firewall connects him to the TELNET proxy.

First, Clancy starts the X11 proxy and establishes a TELNET connection with the outside host:

```
dimension-27: xhost +firewall
dimension-28: telnet firewall
Trying 204.255.154.100...
Connected to firewall.yoyodyne.com
```

```

Escape character is '^]'.
firewall.yoyodyne.com telnet proxy (Version 3.1) ready:
tn-gw> x
tn-gw> display is firewall.yoyodyne.com: 10
tn-gw> c blaze.clientsite.com

Connecting to blaze.clientsite.com .... connected

HP-UX blaze A.09.01 E 9000/710 (ttys1)

login: crawhide
Password: #####

Please wait...checking for disk quotas
You have mail.
blaze.clientsite.com-1:

```

Clancy indicates he wants to start an X proxy. The firewall displays an X status window on Clancy's display, showing the port (see Figure 7-1).

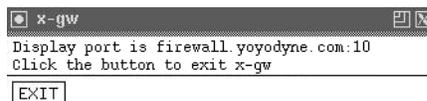


Figure 7-1 Example X Window Port Information

He then TELNETs to the client machine (blaze.clientsite.com). The TELNET daemon on blaze prompts Clancy for his user name (crawhide) and password on blaze. The TELNET daemon on blaze verifies Clancy's user name and password, and logs him in.

Next, Clancy provides the X display information to the client machine (blaze) and starts the client application. He uses the display information that the X proxy provided when he started the X proxy:

```

blaze.clientsite_1: setenv DISPLAY firewall.yoyodyne.com:10.0
blaze.clientsite_2: xclock &
blaze.clientsite_3:

```

Clancy uses the information the proxy provided to tell X where to display information. Clancy then starts the program, and confirms the display request on his machine (see Figure 7-2).

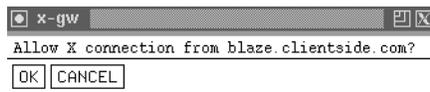


Figure 7-2 Example X Window Confirmation

Finally, Clancy views the results on his screen inside the firewall.

Managing LP Services

Printing continues to be a widely used feature of most computer networks. In some circumstances, users need to print information using printers connected to other machines on other networks. Users behind a firewall might want to print to printers on systems on the outside, or behind other firewalls. Others might want to be able to print from a remote system, for example a mobile PC, to a printer behind a firewall. The Gauntlet Firewall includes an *lp* proxy that securely handles the transfer of print requests.

This chapter explains the concepts behind the *lp* proxy and how it works, how to configure the proxy, and how to use *lp* services.

Understanding the *lp* Proxy

The Gauntlet *lp* proxy is an application-level gateway that provides configurable access control and logging mechanisms. The *lp* proxy, which runs on the firewall, passes *lp* requests through the firewall, using rules you supply. You can configure the *lp* proxy to allow file transfer activity based on

- source IP address
- source hostname
- destination IP address
- destination hostname
- *lp* commands (for example, number and priority)
- printer queue

Using these options, you can configure your firewall to allow specific hosts on the inside network to print files on outside hosts. Employees working behind the firewall can send print jobs to printers at customer sites. You can

deny access to *lp* commands, allowing users to print, but not allowing them to restart or remove print jobs.

The *lp* proxy logs all successful and unsuccessful file transfer attempts, and the number of bytes transferred. Used together, these access controls and log files allow you to have much more control over the files entering and leaving your system than you have when you use the standard IRIX *lp* program.

How the *lp* Proxy Works

The IRIX system runs the *lp* proxy (*lp-gw*) as a daemon listening for requests on the standard printer port (515). When the firewall receives requests for services on this port, the *lp* proxy checks its configuration information (in the *netperm-table* file) and determines whether the initiating host has permission to use *lp*. If the host has permission, the proxy logs the transaction and passes the request to the outside host. The *lp-gw* remains active until either side closes the connection.

The default policy allows inside hosts to use *lp*. Users on inside hosts can continue to print to outside hosts as they did before the firewall was put into place. The default policy does not allow outside hosts to connect to inside hosts for printing.

The default policy and this configuration prohibit running an *lp* server on the firewall itself. Because the *lp* proxy is running on the standard *lp* port on the firewall, all *lp* requests start the proxy. There is no way to start the *lp* daemon needed to service *lp* requests. The default policy does not allow any hosts to print to the firewall.

Configuring the Firewall for *lp* Services

Configuring the Gauntlet firewall involves planning, indicating which daemons the system will run, and configuring the *lp* proxy to enforce your policy.

Planning

1. Determine which internal users and hosts can use these services.
2. Determine which external users and hosts can use these services.

Configuring Network Services

To configure network services with the *gauntlet-admin*, enable *lp* in the Proxies form, and modify the idle timeout if desired.

You can use the *gauntlet-admin* Proxies form to create virtual queues on the firewall, which will be translated to the real servers and queues you specify. This is implemented using the *printer* directive in the *netperm-table* file.

Configuring the Proxy Rules

You may further configure the *lp* proxy to enforce your security policies. This involves modifying */usr/gauntlet/config/template.netperm-table*. See Appendix B for more information on *lp-gw* options, *netperm-table* options, and order of precedence.

To configure the *netperm-table* file, follow these steps:

1. Add the *lp* proxy to your inside and outside policies, as appropriate.
2. Create an *lp* proxy section, specifying the inside hosts, outside server and printer queue:

```
lp-gw: printer * -host blaze.clientsite.com -printer lp-main
```

3. Configure other *lp* proxy options, as appropriate for your setup. These could include logging or denying specific commands.
4. Comment your additions.

Configuring the Sending Machine

Configure the print queue information on the sending machine. Define the print queue so that the firewall is the print queue destination.

Configuring the Receiving Machine

Configure the print queue information on the sending machine. Define the print queue to accept requests from the firewall.

Verifying Your Setup

Verify your configuration by printing a file from a host inside your firewall to a host outside your firewall.

Using lp Services

The firewall and the *lp-gw* proxy are transparent to the user. Users can continue to use *lp* to permitted servers and printers as they did before.

Managing NNTP and General TCP Services

Usenet news continues to be one of the most widely used features on the Internet. Many sites rely on Usenet news for information on the latest technology. Although the Network News Transfer Protocol (NNTP) does little in comparison to other network protocols, you must configure it carefully to protect internal news groups that may contain sensitive proprietary information.

The plug proxy included with the Gauntlet firewall allows administrators to tunnel NNTP-based news feeds through their firewall. The NNTP connections come from known sites (as opposed to the multitude of sites that may connect via SMTP to deliver mail). NNTP is also a very straightforward protocol. For these reasons, it can be proxied using the generic plug proxy.

Other common programs, such as *whois* and *webster*, run over TCP. You can also tunnel these services through the firewall with the plug proxy.

Many sites also rely on applications such as America Online, CompuServe and Lotus Notes. Each of these services uses a proprietary protocol, which could require a multitude of application-specific proxies. Instead, administrators can use the plug proxy to tunnel these through the firewall.



Warning: The consequences of allowing proprietary protocols through your firewall are not well known. Because the protocols are proprietary, the firewall and the proxy have no idea what sorts of data or requests the applications are sending. Nor can there be any idea how safe the actual application is. Do not use the plug proxy for proprietary protocols without first performing a risk assessment.

This chapter explains the concepts behind the *plug* proxy and how it works, how to configure the proxy for NNTP news and other services, and how to configure these services to run through the firewall.

Understanding the Proxy

The Gauntlet plug proxy is a TCP gateway that provides configurable access control and logging mechanisms. The plug proxy, which runs on the firewall, passes NNTP or other application requests through the firewall, using rules you supply. It essentially tunnels information from a port on the firewall to a specific port on another machine.

You can configure instances of the plug proxy to service

- NNTP news feeds
- webster
- whois

This is not an exhaustive list. The plug proxy is protocol neutral, so you can tunnel a variety of other applications. Weigh the risks carefully for each application.

For each version of the plug proxy, you can configure the proxy to allow connections based on

- source IP address
- source hostname
- source port
- destination IP address
- destination hostname
- destination port

Using these options, you can configure your firewall to allow your service provider's host on the outside to connect to the firewall and pass news via NNTP to your news machine on the inside network. You can also route all internal requests for whois lookups to a specific whois server on the outside network.

The proxies log all successful and unsuccessful connection attempts, and the amount of data transferred.

Used together, these access controls and log files allow you to have much more control over the connections to and from your system than without a firewall. However, you may be allowing proprietary protocols into your network, which can be dangerous.

How It Works

The firewall runs different instances of the plug proxy (*plug-gw*) as daemons on different ports for different applications. These files indicate which services the firewall should run on which ports. For example, the firewall runs an instance of the plug proxy on port 119 to handle NNTP requests if you have enabled NNTP from *gauntlet-admin*.

When the plug proxy receives a request on its port, it checks its configuration information (in the *netperm-table* file) and determines whether the initiating host has permission to initiate this type of request. If the host has permission, the plug proxy passes the connection to the specified port on the specified machine. This instance of the plug proxy remains active until either side terminates the connection.

The Gauntlet firewall includes configuration information for NNTP transfer. The default policy is to allow requests to and from one internal news server and one external news server. The firewall itself cannot run an NNTP news server, because the plug proxy is using the standard port for these services.

Hosts on both the inside and outside think the firewall is servicing requests. The external news server thinks it is feeding news to the firewall, and the internal news server thinks that it is receiving news from the firewall. The firewall is simply acting as the tunnel, via the plug proxy.

Configuring the Firewall for NNTP

Configuring the Gauntlet firewall involves planning, configuring the firewall, indicating which daemons the system will run, configuring the proxies to enforce your policy, informing your news feed, and configuring your internal news server.

Note: If you receive news feeds from multiple external sources, see the section on “Configuring Multiple Newsfeeds” on page 68.

Planning

1. Do not use the firewall as a news server.
2. Allow external NNTP connections from known servers only.

Configuring the Firewall

If you wish to allow NNTP traffic through the firewall, configure the firewall using the *gauntlet-admin* interface’s Proxies form.

To configure the firewall, follow these steps:

1. Enter the IP address for your internal NNTP news server. Use the IP address rather than the hostname.
2. Enter the IP address for your external NNTP news server. Use the IP address rather than the hostname.
3. Enable the NNTP checkbox.

Configuring Network Services

You do not need to modify the IRIX configuration files on the firewall to support NNTP. This is a standard service, included in the default versions of these files on the Gauntlet Firewall.

Configuring the Proxy Rules

In most cases you do not need to modify the proxy rules for NNTP. This is a standard service.

Informing Your News Feed

Inform your external news feed (often your Internet service provider) that it should now send all NNTP news to your firewall, rather than your internal news server.

Configuring Your News Server

Configure your internal news server software to transfer and receive articles from the firewall, rather than your external news server.

Verifying Your Setup

Run your news server as you did before. Watch the logs for errors.

Using NNTP

The firewall and the plug proxy for NNTP traffic are transparent to the user. Users should continue to point their news readers (*rn*, *trn*) and other news-aware tools (Netscape) towards the internal news server. It's that easy.

Configuring the Firewall for other Protocols

Configuring the Gauntlet firewall involves planning, indicating which daemons the system will run, configuring the proxies to enforce your policy, and configuring your service.

Note: If you have simple plug gateway needs, you can add custom plug gateways using the *gauntlet-admin* proxies page. If you use that method, you may still need to modify */etc/services*, but do *not* need to modify */etc/init.d/network.local* or */usr/gauntlet/config/template.netperm-table*.

This section uses the Quote of the Day (*gotd*) service as an example. Of course, you must carefully determine if the benefits of something like a

Quote of the Day service outweigh the risks of allowing that type of service within your defense perimeter.

Planning

1. Determine which protocols and which applications you wish to proxy through your firewall.



Warning: Again, the consequences of allowing proprietary protocols through your firewall are not known. Because the protocols are proprietary, the firewall and the proxy have no idea what sorts of data or requests the applications are sending. Nor can it be determined how safe the actual application is. Do not use the plug proxy for proprietary protocols without first performing a risk assessment.

2. Verify that the protocol is stream based.
3. Determine what port these services use. Verify that the service uses the same port for sending and receiving.
4. Determine which external hosts can use these services.
5. Determine which internal hosts can use these services.

Configuring Network Services

Configuring network services involves modifying IRIX configuration files so the system knows which programs to start.

To configure network services, follow these steps:

1. Add information to */etc/services* so that the system knows what service it is offering on that port:

```
qotd          17/tcp  quote          # Quote of the Day
```

The protocol you indicate is the protocol that the plug proxy uses (TCP).

2. Add information about the plug proxy to */etc/init.d/network.local* so that the system knows what daemon to start to handle Quote of the Day requests:

```
echo "      qotd"
```

```
/usr/etc/plug-gw -as gotd-gw -daemon gotd gotd  
&/usr/etc/plug-gw"
```

See the comments in `/etc/init.d/network` on how to ensure that will `/etc/init.d/network.local` be executed at boot time.

Use the same name for the service that you specified in `/etc/services`.

Configuring the Proxy Rules

Configure the plug proxy to enforce your security policies. This involves modifying `/usr/gauntlet/config/template.netperm-table`. You may use the `gauntlet-admin` Proxies form. In the section called "Plug Gateways," enter the source host, the firewall port, the destination host, and the destination port for each plug gateway.

Alternatively, you may modify system files directly. Appendix B provides more information on `plug-gw` options, `netperm-table` options, and order of precedence.

To configure the `netperm-table` file directly, follow these steps:

1. Create a plug proxy section for your service, specifying the inside host(s) that can use this service and destination servers and ports:

```
gotd-gw: port gotd 10.0.1.* -desthost gotd.bigu.edu -destport gotd
```

which indicates that any inside hosts can send Quote of the Day requests to the server at Big University.

2. Specify the outside hosts that can use this service and the inside servers and ports. Because you are not running a Quote of the Day server inside the perimeter, you do not need to add this line for our `gotd` example.
3. Comment your additions.

Configuring Your Service

You may need to configure your service and application to connect to the firewall instead of directly to the server. Consult the documentation included with your plugged service for information on possible configurations.

Verifying Your Setup

Access your service from inside the perimeter. Watch the logs on the firewall for error messages.

Configuring Multiple Newsfeeds

If you wish to exchange news with multiple news servers outside the perimeter, you must add additional configuration rules for the plug proxy that handles NNTP transfers.

To configure additional newsfeeds, follow these steps:

1. Create plug proxy lines that handle multiple internal servers, multiple external servers, or both.
2. Use the same plug proxy line that you use for other news information.
3. Add permit lines to the inside and outside policies for your new plug proxies.

For example, you have configured news.myisp.net as your primary news feed through the gauntlet-admin interface. To add support for a secondary news feed from news.bigu.edu (192.168.1.202) to your internal news machine news.yoyodyne.com (10.0.1.3), use the following lines in your *netperm-table* file:

```
#adds support for additional feed from Big University
nntp-gw: port nntp 10.0.1.3 desthost 192.168.1.202 destport nntp
nntp-gw: port nntp 192.168.1.202 desthost 10.0.1.3 destport nntp
```

Managing Information Services on the Firewall

Sometimes it is not feasible to run a separate WWW or Gopher server outside your firewall. Because of hardware or other constraints, you cannot devote a separate machine to be your WWW server. Or, you do not expect enough traffic to justify another machine, but still want to offer WWW services to your customers. Instead, you want to run the WWW server securely on the firewall itself. Most WWW servers are large programs, making it harder to ensure that they do not have any security holes.

The Info Server included with the Gauntlet Internet Firewall securely services requests for HTTP, Gopher, and FTP services.

This chapter explains how the Info server and Info Proxy work, how to configure the server and the proxy for the various protocols, and how to use the server and the proxy.

Understanding the Info Server

The Gauntlet Info Server is a minimal information server. The server, which runs on the firewall, works with a set of management tools to service HTTP, Gopher, and FTP requests. You can configure the server to allow connections based on:

- source IP address
- source hostname

You would use the Gauntlet Info Server in place of another HTTP server (such as the CERN or Netscape HTTP servers), Gopher server (such as the University of Minnesota Gopher server), or the FTP server included with your operating system.

The Gauntlet Info Server implements a minimalist design, in which the server handles only the file requests. A variety of management tools (on a per-service basis) actually provide the data. These smaller programs are easier to analyze and verify that there are no holes. Simpler code is easier to verify.

How It Works

HTTP and Gopher Server

When serving as an HTTP or Gopher server, the Info Server (*info-gw*) runs on the firewall as a daemon listening for TCP-based requests on port 8000. When the firewall receives a request, it forks a child copy of the Info Server, leaving the parent Info Server to continue listening for requests.

The child Info Server process looks at the request and places it in one of several categories (such as Gopher or HTTP).

It checks the appropriate configuration information (in the *netperm-table*) and determines whether the requesting host has permission to use the desired service. If not, the Info Server logs the connection and displays an error message.

If the host has permission to use the service, the Info Server uses its internal database (by default in */usr/gauntlet/infodb*) to find the requested file or to go to the requested directory. The client thinks it is talking to a regular HTTP or Gopher server, even though it is not.

FTP Server

When serving as an anonymous FTP server, the Info Server runs in conjunction with the network access control (*netacl*) daemon. In this scenario, the IRIX system runs the network access control daemon (*netacl*) as a daemon listening for requests on the standard FTP port (21). Whenever the firewall receives a FTP request on this port, the *netacl* daemon checks its configuration information (in the *netperm-table* file) and determines whether the initiating host has permission to use FTP. If the host has permission, the

netacl daemon starts the standard FTP proxy (*ftp-gw*) or the Info Server (*info-gw*) depending upon the originating host. If the host does not have permission, the daemon displays an error message.

This allows outside users to FTP to the firewall and access the Info Server as an anonymous FTP server. Inside users can access the FTP proxy if they need to FTP files from one side of the perimeter to the other. The network access control daemon determines the appropriate program to start, based upon the host sending the request.

Once the connection is made to the Info Server, it checks the appropriate configuration information (in the *netperm-table*) and determines whether the requesting host has permission to use the desired service. If not, the Info Server logs the connection and displays an error message.

If the host has permission to use the service, the Info Server uses its internal database (by default in */usr/gauntlet/infodb*) to find the requested file or to go to the requested directory. The client thinks it is talking to a regular FTP server, even though it is not.

How the Database Works

When the Info Server processes a request, it does not use standard directory commands to traverse the file hierarchy on the firewall. Instead, the Info Server uses a database manager, which translates the FTP, HTTP or Gopher request into the internal database structure. The database manager then tells the Info Server the actual name of the file, which the server displays or returns to the client. The database uses */usr/gauntlet/infodb* as the root directory for the database.

The database structure restricts the number of characters that can exist in a filename and translates others. It uses particular letters to designate particular types of files and directories. The database uses the first letter of file names and directory names to indicate the type of file or directory type.

Directories

The database structure only recognizes directories that start with the letter D. When the Info Server receives an HTTP request for a file in the images

directory, the database manager translates the request and looks in the *Dimages* directory.

The database structure also translates other characters in directory names. It translates the dot (.) character in filenames to the zero (0) character. When the Info Server receives a request to go the directory *./../etc*, the database manager translates the request and looks for the directory *D/D00/D00/Detc*. Because the root directory of the database is actually */usr/gauntlet/infodb*, the Info Server is actually looking for */usr/gauntlet/infodb/D/D00/D00/Detc*.

The Info Server always looks for files within its own directory tree. It does not and *cannot* move back out of its directory tree to other areas of the systems, as some HTTP, Gopher, or FTP servers might.

Data Files

The database structure only recognizes data files that start with the letter A. When the Info Server receives a request for the file *readme*, the database manager translates the request and looks for the file *Areadme*. HTTP, Gopher and FTP requests all return these files.

The database structure looks for HTTP header files (for HTTP version 1.0) in files that start with H.

The database structure also limits the characters that can exist in filenames. It translates the dot (.) character in filenames to the zero (0) character. When the Info Server receives a request for the file *latest.gz*, the database manager translates the request and looks for the file *Alatest0gz*.

In many cases, the files that start with A and H are actually symbolic links to the real text or binary file. For example, the file *Alatest0gz* would actually be a symbolic link to *latest.gz*. For text files, the A file is generally a copy of the actual data file with every line terminated with a carriage return/line-feed pair. You don't need to create files specifically for use with the Info Server. You merely need to create symbolic links or copies of the files that the database understands. This process is described below in the section "Creating Files"

Queries and Executable Programs

The database structure only recognizes query programs and executables that start with the letter Q. When the Info Server receives an HTTP request that contains a query, such as *animals?dogs*, the database manager will translate the request and try to run the program *Qanimals*. The database manager passes all of the information after the query marker (? for HTTP requests and a <Tab> for Gopher requests) to the query program.

The Q files are generally symbolic links to the executable program. For example, the program *Qimagemap* could actually be a symbolic link to *imagemap*.

FTP Directory Lists

The database structure limits the clients view of what is in the database and what is available on that server. When the Info Server receives a request to list the contents of a directory, it instead returns specific files that contain the directory listing that you wish to display. For example, when the Info Server receives an FTP LIST (*ls*) request, the database manager translates the request and returns the file *L* in the current directory. The client requesting the directory listing sees a list of files that looks like the list of files you might see on any other FTP server. Similarly, the database manager translates an FTP NLIST (*nlist*) request and returns the file *N* in the current directory.

The *L* and *N* files are actual files that contain directory listings. You create the files, listing only those files that you wish to display. For example, the *L* file could contain only the list of files that you want anyone to view, even though you have other files in the directory.

Gopher Menu Files

When the Info Server receives a request to display a Gopher menu, it instead returns a specific file that contains the list of files that you wish to display for that directory. For example, when the Info Server receives a Gopher request for the menu in a directory, the database manager translates this request and returns a file beginning with G in the current directory. The client displays a menu of files that looks like the list of files you might see with any other Gopher server.

The *G* files are actual files that contain Gopher menus. You create the files, listing only those files that you wish to appear in the menu. For example, the *Gmenu* file could contain only the list of files that you want anyone to view, even though you have other files in the directory.

Configuring the Firewall

Configuring the Gauntlet firewall to run an Info Server involves planning, indicating which daemons the system will run, configuring the Info Server to enforce your policy, and verifying your setup.

Planning

1. Determine which services (HTTP, Gopher, FTP) you wish to offer.
2. Determine whether you wish to allow FTP access to sites inside your defense perimeter as well as to the firewall. If you wish to allow both, you must use the *netacl* daemon to start either the FTP proxy or the info server.

Configuring Network Services

You do not need to modify the IRIX configuration files on the firewall to support the Info Server. This is a standard service, included in the default versions of these configuration files on the Gauntlet firewall.

Configuring the Proxy Rules

If you are using the Gauntlet firewall default configuration, you do not need to modify the proxy rules for the info server. To enable the info server, use the *gauntlet-admin* Proxies form to enable the info server, select an idle timeout period, and specify an information directory. Enable anonymous FTP if desired.

Alternatively, you may modify */usr/gauntlet/config/template.netperm-table* to reflect your configuration. See Appendix B for more information on *info-gw* options, *netperm-table* options, and order of precedence.

Verifying Your Setup

Access your Info Server as you would any other HTTP, Gopher, or FTP server. Watch the log messages.

Using the Info Server

Managing the Info Server involves planning, placing files on the firewall and adding them to the database, creating list files, and advertising your server.

Planning

Determine who will put the files onto the firewall. Remember that if you want your WWW, Gopher, or FTP administrator to have access, you need to provide an account on the firewall, which is not recommended. Instead, make arrangements with your WWW, Gopher, or FTP administrator to periodically transfer files for them.

Creating Files

Create your text and executable files as you would for use with any HTTP, Gopher, or FTP server. You do NOT need to modify references to directories or to executables within your documents.

Placing Files on the Firewall

To set up your files for use with the Info Server on the firewall, follow these steps:

1. Create your directory structure under `/usr/gauntlet/infodb/D`. Prefix each directory with the letter D when you create the directory. For example, if you want to keep all of your pictures in the images directory:

```
firewall-32# cd /usr/gauntlet/infodb/D
firewall-33# mkdir Dimages
```

2. Copy all of your files (HTML, text files, executables, and pictures) to the appropriate directory.

Adding Files to the Database

This process creates the A and H files for HTML files, the Q files for queries, and so forth. The process differs slightly for text and binary files.

Text Files

Adding text files to the database creates the necessary A and H files in the database. Use the *addtext* program (*/usr/gauntlet/infodb/tools/addtext*).

To add text files to the database, create the A and H files:

```
addtext file [ctfiletype]
```

where *file* is the name of the text file, and *ctfiletype* is one of the default header file types used to create an HTTP version 1.0 header file:

- *chtml*—HTML text header (default)
- *cttext*—Text header

Consult */usr/gauntlet/infodb/tools* for a list of currently available sample headers. Use these files as templates to create your own header files, if necessary.

Repeat this process for every file you wish to have accessible via the Info Server.

Binary Files

Adding binary files to the database creates the necessary A and H files for images. Use the *addfile* program (*/usr/gauntlet/infodb/tools/addfile*).

To add binary files to the database, create the A and H files:

```
addfile file [ctfiletype]
```

where

- *file* is the name of the binary file
- *ctfiletype* is one the default header file types used to create an HTTP version 1.0 header file:

ctavi—AVI movie header
ctgif—GIF image header
cthtml—HTML text header
ctjpg—JPEG image header
ctps—PostScript header
ctqt—QuickTime movie header
cttext—Text header
ctzip—ZIP header

Consult `/usr/gauntlet/infodb/tools` for a list of currently available sample headers. Use these files as templates to create your own header files, if necessary.

Repeat this process for every binary file you wish to have accessible via the Info Server.

Query Files

Adding query files to the database creates the necessary symbolic links for the query file.

To add query files, create the symbolic link

```
ln -s file Qfilename
```

where

- *file* is the path and file of the actual query executable
- *Qfilename* is the name of the executable prepended with a Q and any periods converted to the zero (0) character.

Repeat this process for every binary file you wish to have accessible via the Info Server.

Creating FTP List Files

Creating list files actually creates the L and N text files that the Info Server displays when it receives FTP *ls* and *nlist* requests. Use the *makedirlist* script (*/usr/gauntlet/infodb/tools/makedirlist*).

To create list files, run the *makedirlist* script in the appropriate directory.

Repeat this process in each directory in which you wish to have directory listings.

Creating Gopher Menu Files

Creating Gopher menu files actually creates the text file that the Info Server displays when it receives a request for a Gopher menu.

To create Gopher menus, follow these steps:

1. Execute the list command and redirect it to a file that starts with G. You may wish to restrict the files that the command displays, so that it looks like a normal Gopher menu. See the *makedirlist* script for examples of redirecting list files to text files for the Info Server.
2. Modify the resulting file and add the other standard Gopher menu fields.

Advertising Your Server

Advertise your HTTP, Gopher, or FTP Server to your customers or the world. Be sure to

- advertise the outside IP address of the firewall
- specify that connections should use port 8000 for HTTP and Gopher requests

PART THREE

**Administering General Gauntlet
Firewall Services**

The Graphical Management Interface

Gauntlet Management Interface Overview

The Gauntlet system includes a network browser-based interface (“forms-based”) designed to make it easy for you to quickly configure and run the system. The Gauntlet management interface supports all common Gauntlet administrative functions and is organized (like this chapter) into the following browser forms:

- “Introductory Management Form” on page 83
- “Networks and Interfaces Configuration Form” on page 86
- “Routing Configuration Form” on page 91
- “Proxy Servers Configuration Form” on page 94
- “Domain Name Service (DNS) Configuration Form” on page 101
- “Sendmail Configuration Form” on page 104
- “swIPe Configuration Form” on page 106
- “Logfiles and Reports Configuration Form” on page 109
- “Authorizing Users Form” on page 111

Note: You can directly modify some of the files that this interface configures. Note, however, that doing so could mean that you may no longer use the GUI as your management interface. Refer to Appendix A for more information.

For initial configuration, you may prefer to simply step through the forms in order by clicking the *Continue* button at the bottom of each form as you finish with each form. Return to the previous form by clicking *Back*. As you become more familiar with the interface and your configuration, you may prefer to go directly to any form by clicking the appropriate name in the bars at the top and bottom of a form.

You can view additional information on many subjects by selecting any highlighted (linked) word or phrase on the form.

You can “unclutter” forms by hiding sections that you are already familiar with or that do not concern you. To hide a section of a form, click the *Hide* button, shown in Figure 11-1.



Figure 11-1 Hide Button

The selected area is hidden from view and is represented by an *Unhide* button, shown in Figure 11-2.



Figure 11-2 Unhide Button

Click the *Unhide* button to display more detailed configuration information on the corresponding section.

Caution: Clicking *Hide* or *Unhide* buttons causes any unsaved changes *on that page* to be thrown away.

Many (but not all) forms provide defaults which may suit your situation; the defaults are conservatively chosen so that network services are disabled until you specifically enable them.

Caution: Do not select *Configure All* until you are sure that all of the forms are set up as you want them. Running “Configure All” interrupts all current connections!

Accessing the Gauntlet Management Interface

To access the management interface, you must be logged in as root. The command to start the management interface is *gauntlet-admin*. In a few seconds, a browser form requesting the Gauntlet administrative password should appear on your display. (If this is the first time you have run

gauntlet-admin, you are prompted to create a Gauntlet administrative password. Also, if there is no root password on the Gauntlet host, you are prompted to enter a root password.) You can run the GUI on a remote X display by setting your DISPLAY environment variable appropriately before issuing the *gauntlet-admin* command. Never administer your firewall from a remote X display on a network you cannot trust. See “Remote (Network) Connections” on page 94 for an example session.

The following sections describe each of the Gauntlet management forms. Note that the forms-based interface is designed to be self-sufficient, and it may present enough information for you to make all appropriate configuration decisions. This documentation is intended to provide additional background information and may considerably overlap the information available through the forms.

Introductory Management Form

Figure 11-3 and Figure 11-4 illustrate the Gauntlet introductory management form. This form is both the entry point and the exit point of the forms-based management interface. From this form, you can go directly to any of the other management forms, or begin a sequential configuration sequence. When you have configured all the forms as desired, you must return to this form and select *Configure All* for the actual Gauntlet system configuration to occur.

Caution: Do not select *Configure All* until you have configured all the other forms appropriately. Note also that running “Configure All” interrupts all current connections!

The introductory management form describes how to use the forms-based interface, and then contains a list of form names at the bottom of the page that allow you to access another form, go to the next form, or configure your system.

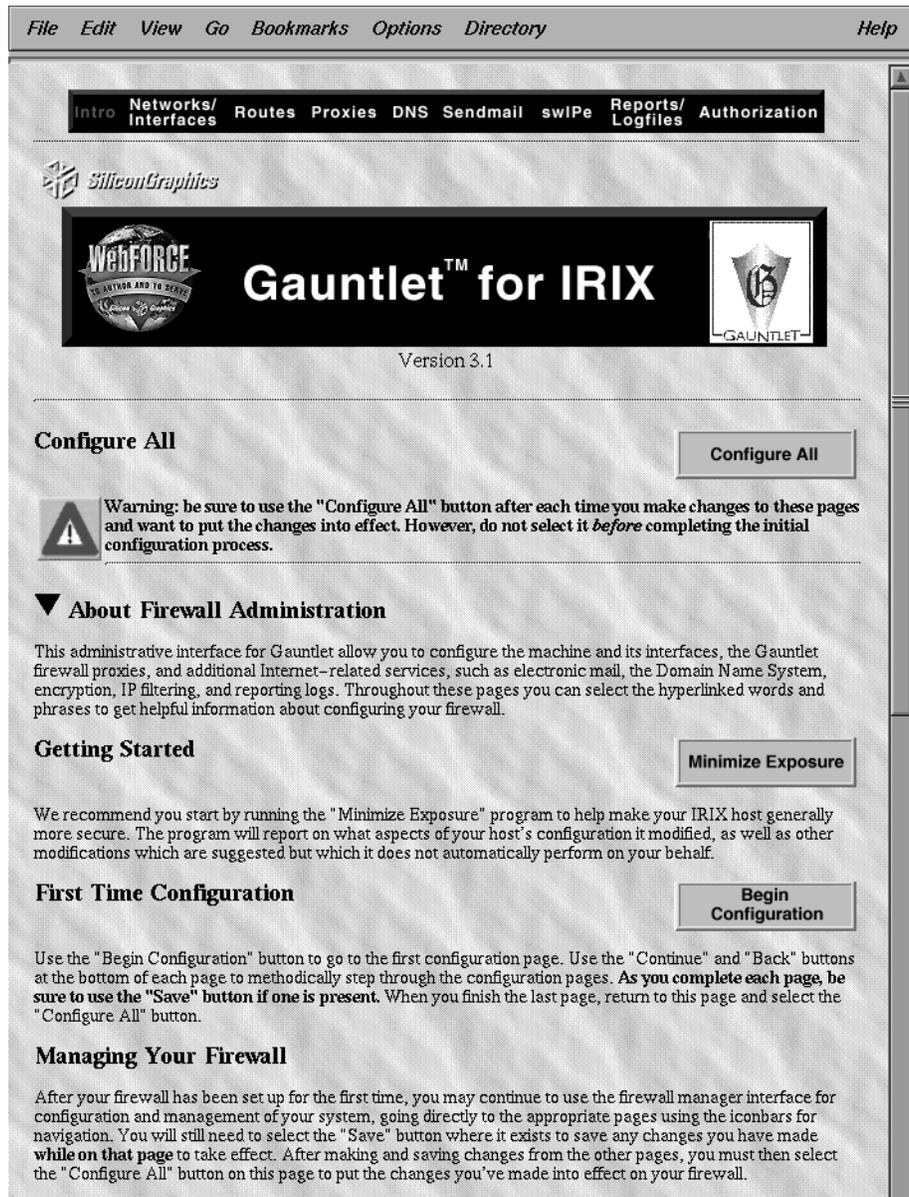


Figure 11-3 Gauntlet Introductory Management Form (1 of 2)

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Options Directory Help

at the bottom of each page to meticulously step through the configuration pages. **As you complete each page, be sure to use the "Save" button if one is present.** When you finish the last page, return to this page and select the "Configure All" button.

Managing Your Firewall

After your firewall has been set up for the first time, you may continue to use the firewall manager interface for configuration and management of your system, going directly to the appropriate pages using the iconbars for navigation. You will still need to select the "Save" button where it exists to save any changes you have made **while on that page** to take effect. After making and saving changes from the other pages, you must then select the "Configure All" button on this page to put the changes you've made into effect on your firewall.

Note: You can [view](#) a annotated list of files that may be modified through this interface. It is possible to edit the Gauntlet configuration files directly, and if you must do so, the annotations can guide you. However, direct editing is strongly *not* recommended for most sites. This administration interface may **overwrite** edits you make directly to certain configuration files; **hence once you start direct edits to those certain configuration files, you effectively forfeit further use of this interface.**

▼ Configuration Pages

- [Networks & Interfaces](#)
 - Network Configuration
 - Trusted Networks
 - Untrusted Networks
 - Trusted Interfaces
 - Trusted Ports
- [Network Routing](#)
 - Let Gauntlet Configure `gated.conf`
 - Details...
- [Proxy Servers](#)
 - Connections & Transparent Proxies
 - Individual Proxies Configuration
- [DNS](#)
 - Common DNS Configuration for Firewalled Sites
 - Let Gauntlet Configure DNS
 - Details...
- [Sendmail](#)
 - Common Mail Topology for Firewalled Sites
 - Let Gauntlet Configure `sendmail`
 - Details...
- [swIPe](#)
 - swIPe Peers
 - swIPe Paths
- [Reports & Logfiles](#)
 - Gauntlet Reports Email Address
 - Rotating SYSLOG Files
 - Report Frequency
 - Log Checking Frequency
 - Postmaster Email Address
- [Authorization](#)
 - Users

Remember, to put any configuration changes you make into effect, you need to select "Configure All" from the initial page.

intro Networks/Interfaces Routes Proxies DNS Sendmail swIPe Reports/Logfiles Authorization

Figure 11-4 Gauntlet Introductory Management Form (2 of 2)

The section of the form called “Getting Started” provides a *Minimize Exposure* button which you can click to reduce possible security risks. If you click *Minimize Exposure*, the system reports on what it looks for and on any changes made. If there are areas where it cannot make changes but changes are considered desirable, those are reported too.

You begin configuring your firewall in the “First Time Configuration” section by clicking *Begin Configuration*, but first read “Managing Your Firewall” for some information regarding direct file editing.

The last part of the introductory management form displays the sections covered by each of the other browser forms, and a list of links to those other forms is in the bar on the bottom if you wish to go directly to any of them. This document follows the sequential procedure you will follow if you click *Begin Configuration* on this form and each *Continue* button on the following forms.

Networks and Interfaces Configuration Form

The Gauntlet networks and interfaces configuration form (Figure 11-5 and Figure 11-6) uses the standard Silicon Graphics Network Setup tools to configure the firewall’s network interfaces. If you have not already configured your network setup with these tools, click *Network Setup* to configure the firewall hostname, network interfaces, and IP addresses; click *ISDN Setup* if you want to configure ISDN; and click *PPP Setup* if you want to configure PPP.

Note: If you directly run the Network Setup tools from the Gauntlet forms-based interface, you must be physically at the Gauntlet host console. Of course, you can also use the Network Setup tools independently of the Gauntlet interface from any location.

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Intro Networks/Interfaces Routes Proxies DNS Sendmail swIPe Reports/Logfiles Authorization

 **WebFORCE** Networks / Interfaces Configuration 

▼ Network Configuration

If you have not already configured the firewall's network interfaces, you need to do so before continuing with Gauntlet configuration. You can use the Silicon Graphics Network Setup tools for this purpose. Click on the Network Setup icon below to configure the firewall host name, network interfaces, and IP addresses; click on the ISDN Setup icon to configure ISDN; click on the PPP Setup icon to configure PPP. **Note that if you launch the Setup tools from this interface, they will always appear on the X11 server on the firewall, and will not appear on a remote X display even if that is where you are displaying this Web browser.**


Network Setup

▼ Trusted Networks

Please specify the IP addresses of each of the trusted networks at your site. An asterisk can be used as a wildcard. For example, an entry of "192.168.128.*" would allow any machine whose IP address's first three octets were 192.168.128 use the firewall services; however, an entry of "192.168.128.4" would only match the single system whose IP address is 192.168.128.4.

We recommend using judicious use of wildcards to reduce the number of discrete entries in this table, as each discrete entry will consume multiple `ipfilter` filters, and the number of filters is limited.

Trusted Network	
<input type="button" value="EDIT"/>	127.0.0.1 <input type="button" value="DELETE"/>
<input type="button" value="EDIT"/>	192.132.134.* <input type="button" value="DELETE"/>

▼ Trusted Interfaces

Figure 11-5 Networks and Interfaces Configuration Form (1 of 2)

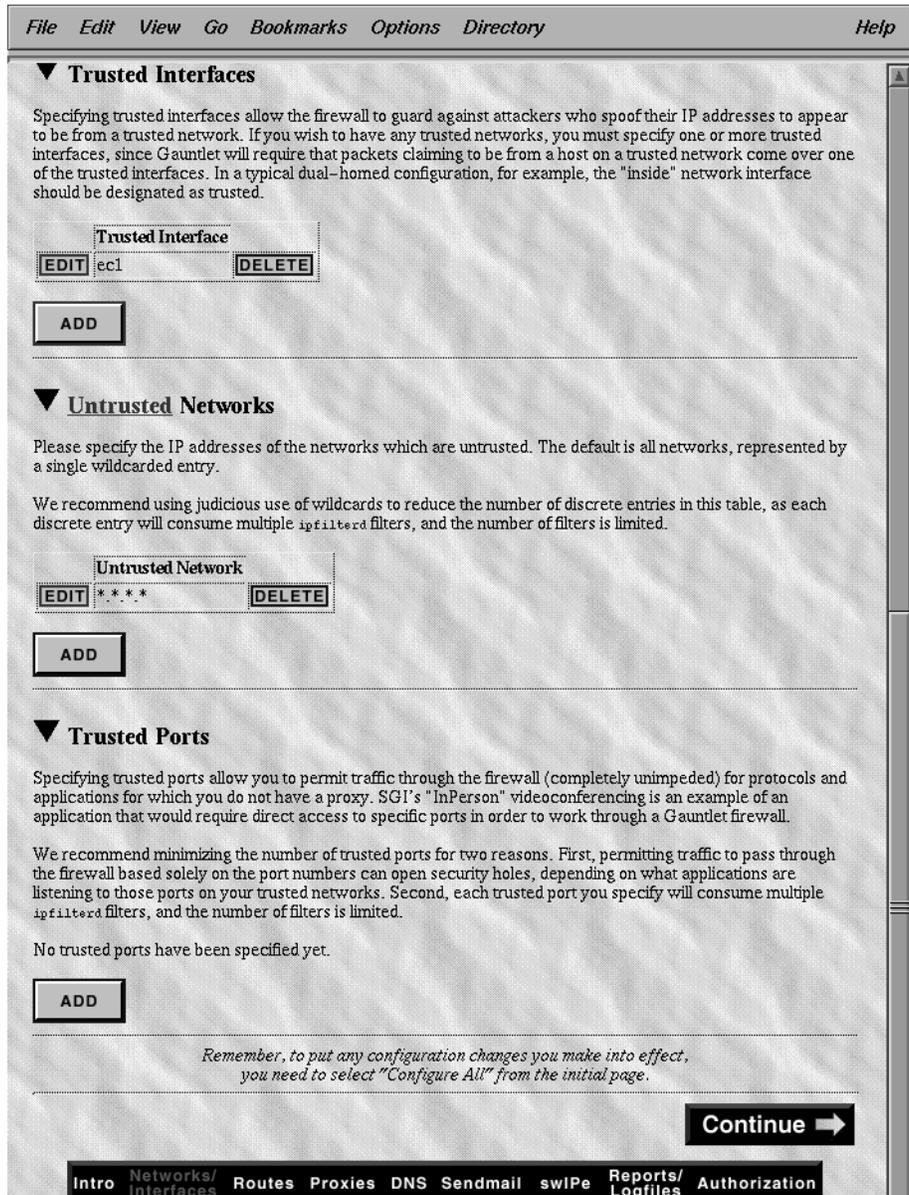


Figure 11-6 Networks and Interfaces Configuration Form (2 of 2)

The Gauntlet networks and interfaces configuration form allows you to specify trusted and untrusted networks. Until you make changes on this form, all networks are considered untrusted, and only the Gauntlet system itself is trusted.

You can use a terminating asterisk as a wild card to represent “all” in network addresses. For example:

- 192.168.128.*—all IP addresses beginning with “192.168.128”
- 192.168.*—all IP addresses beginning with “192.168”
- *—all IP addresses

Note: Only a terminating asterisk is allowed: something like 192.*.128.* won’t work.

Trusted Networks

The Gauntlet firewall supports the concept of “trusted networks.” These are the networks that are permitted to use firewall services without user authentication (see “Authorizing Users Form” on page 111). Typically, the trusted networks are your internal, local networks.

Click the *ADD* button and then specify the IP address of each network you want to add to the list of trusted networks.

Trusted Interfaces

Specifying trusted interfaces allows the firewall to guard against IP address spoofing. If informed about which network interfaces are connected to trusted networks, Gauntlet will require that packets claiming to be from a host on a trusted network come over one of the trusted interfaces.

On a dual-homed configuration, you may want to specify the inside interface, for example, ec1, as trusted. If so, click the *Add* button and add it.

Specifying trusted interfaces is required if you have any trusted networks.

Untrusted Networks

If a network is neither trusted nor untrusted, users from that network will not be permitted to use the firewall services nor even attempt authentication. For this reason, the default entry for untrusted networks is *. *. *. *. * networks (other than those indicated configured as trusted). This means that users from any network other than an explicitly trusted one must pass authentication.

You can add to the list of untrusted networks by clicking the *ADD* button. If you list only specific network addresses as untrusted, that means that those networks may access your network if they pass authentication, but no other networks (except explicitly trusted networks) may even attempt authentication (access is immediately refused). If you leave the list of untrusted networks blank, that means that no network access (other than from specifically trusted networks) is allowed to attempt authentication. All such access is immediately refused.

User Authentication and Untrusted Networks

Users from an untrusted network can still access firewall resources if they have an entry in the authentication database of the firewall, that is, they are specifically allowed to use the services. Refer to “Authorizing Users Form” on page 111 for information on how to establish user authentication.

Trusted Ports

Specifying trusted ports allows you to permit traffic through the firewall (completely unimpeded) for protocols and applications for which you do not have a proxy. InPerson™ is an example of an application that requires direct access to specific ports in order to work through a Gauntlet firewall. Note that this is relevant only when the Gauntlet firewall is positioned to be the router between internal and external networks.

Routing Configuration Form

Use the routing configuration form (Figure 11-7) to specify your routing implementation.

If you already have a customized routing configuration file for *gated* on the Gauntlet host and want to keep using it, check the box for “Preserve the gated configuration?”

If you are going to let Gauntlet generate a new *gated.conf* file, click *ADD* under *Explicit Routes* and then add the network, gateway, and “hop” metric to each network you add. (Use a metric of “0” if the gateway is an interface on the Gauntlet host, and a “1” if it is anywhere else.)

Entering a destination network as “default” sets the default route.

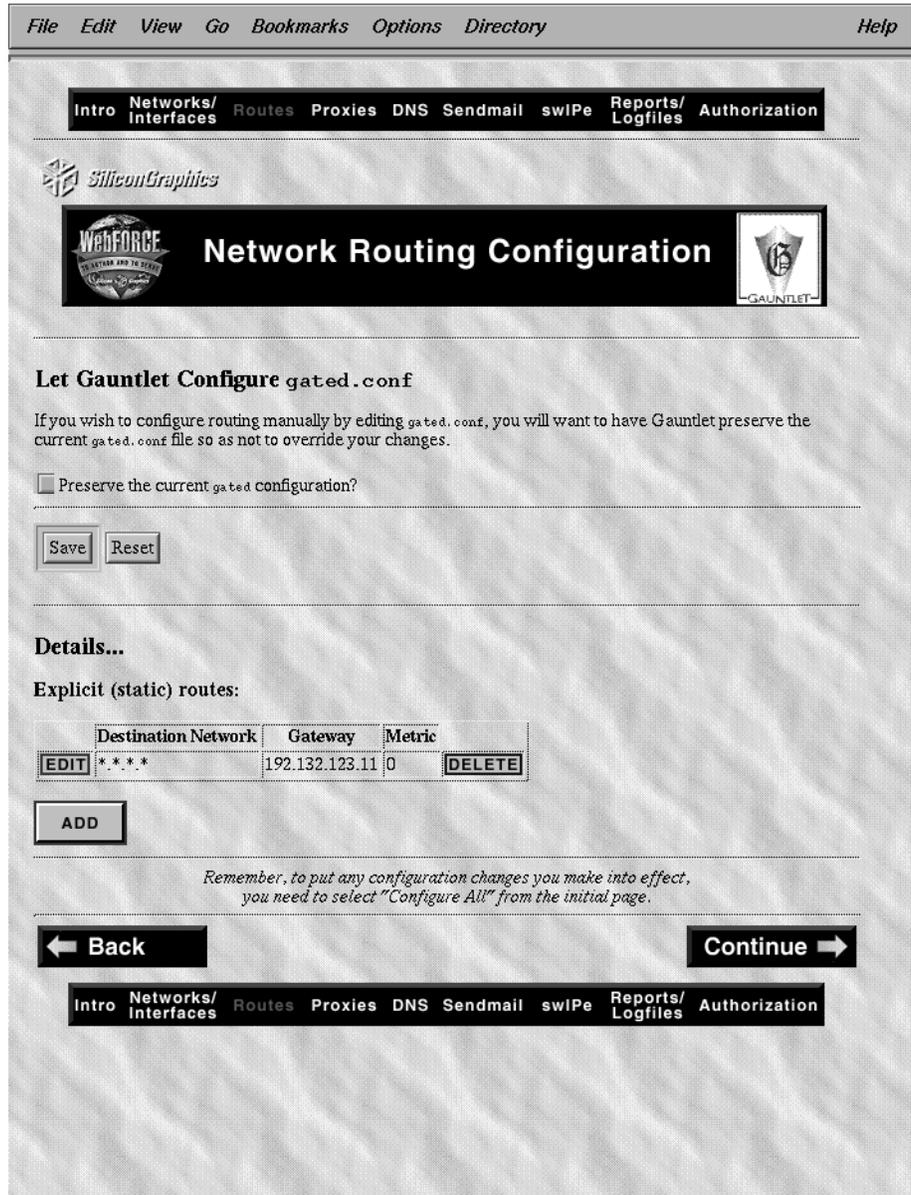


Figure 11-7 Routing Configuration Form

Figure 11-8 illustrates an example routing configuration.

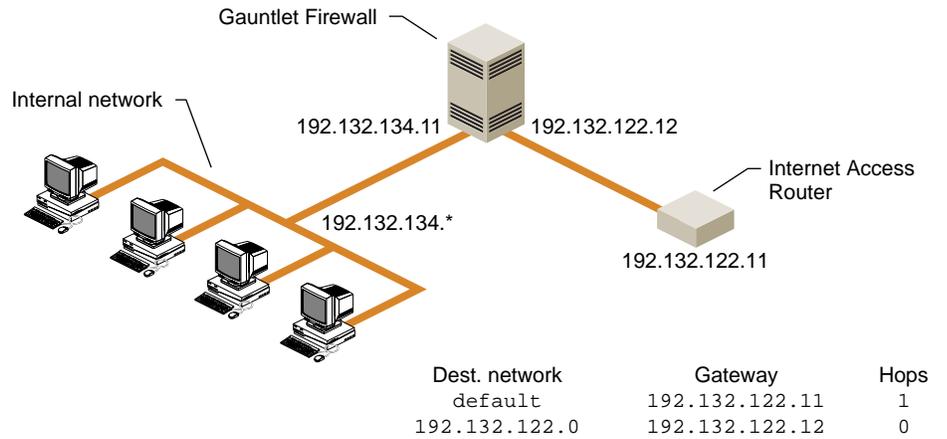


Figure 11-8 Example Gauntlet Host Routing Configuration

If hosts on your internal network are running a routing daemon, they should eventually acquire the default route from the Gauntlet host, or the route can be explicitly added to those hosts by their administrators.

Additional Routing Information

If you want more general information about routing, or routing using the command-line interface to IRIX, refer to the section "Setting Up a Router" in Chapter 17 of the *IRIX Advanced Site and Server Administration Guide* and the reference page for `gated(1M)`.

Proxy Servers Configuration Form

The proxy server configuration form (Figure 11-9 and Figure 11-10) allows you to control network services through the Gauntlet firewall. You can enable and disable particular services, specify timeout values and port numbers, and so on. Each service can be configured separately.

Remote (Network) Connections

If you want to allow network logins to the firewall, specify this by checking the box for “Do you want connections allowed to the firewall itself?” If this box is not checked, you must configure the firewall at the system console—not from a network login. Network logins are convenient, but could lessen the security of the firewall.

When logins are enabled, administrators can connect to the firewall by accessing the rlogin or TELNET proxies. Example 11-1 illustrates a sample TELNET session.

Example 11-1 Administrative TELNET Connection to Firewall

```
Trying 204.254.155.253
Connected to firewall.yoyodyne.com.
Escape character is ^]
tn-gw> connect localhost
Trying 127.0.0.1 port 23...
Connected to localhost.

IRIX System V.4 (firewall)

login: root
Password:
IRIX Release 5.3 IP22 firewall
Copyright 1987-1994 Silicon Graphics, Inc. All Rights
Reserved.
Last login: Wed Aug 16 14:05:49 PDT 1995 by UNKNOWN@localhost
You have mail.
firewall 1# setenv DISPLAY magnolia.yoyodyne.com:0
firewall 2# gauntlet-admin
```

Note: If you log in from the network (you must have enabled network logins) to the firewall host, you may need to set the DISPLAY environment variable to your host to be able to use *gauntlet-admin*.

Caution: Network logins should be used only over secure links when absolutely necessary. Another option for remote access to the firewall is to connect a modem to one of the serial ports to enable controlled dial-in access for administrators only.

Enabling Transparent Proxies

You must also specify if you want to enable transparent proxies. With transparent proxies, user requests to connect to a particular service on an external host using a supported application protocol can pass through the proxy server as if the user were communicating directly with the network host. If you do not enable transparent proxies, the user must first connect to the proxy server and then to the desired network host.

Enabling Individual Proxy Services

Next, specify which services you want to enable. Many of the services allow you to specify a timeout value (click the *Unhide* button if you don't see it) so change the default timeout value of any service if it does not suit your needs. (The timeout value is the number of seconds the server maintains a connection before it times out due to inactivity.)

If you enable a service, it means the firewall will run a daemon supporting that service. For example, enabling TELNET means that a proxy TELNET server will run on the Gauntlet firewall to mediate and enable TELNET connections. It will be a transparent TELNET proxy if you have enabled transparent proxies. Note that you must also have configured the Networks/Interfaces Configuration Form correctly for the service to work.

FTP Server Configuration

If you enable FTP on the firewall, you can specify a timeout value and also specify if you want to enable anonymous FTP. The Gauntlet configuration sets up anonymous FTP according to the recommendations in "Setting Up

Anonymous FTP” in the *IRIX Advanced Site and Server Administration Guide*. Also, if enabled, anonymous FTP prevents users from untrusted networks from using the FTP application proxy.

TELNET

If you enable the TELNET proxy, enter a number of seconds for it to timeout when idle (or accept the default of 3600 seconds—one hour).

rlogin

If you enable the rlogin proxy, enter a number of seconds for it to timeout when idle (or accept the default of 3600 seconds—one hour).

X Windows, finger, gopher, and whois

Check these boxes to enable the corresponding proxy server. No further configuration is required. X Windows is for use in conjunction with TELNET and rlogin proxies only. See `x-gw(1M)` for an example session.

HTTP Proxy Server Configuration

If you enable HTTP (hypertext transfer protocol for World Wide Web access), you must also specify the following:

- which port the HTTP server should use—the default is “8080”.
- which server the HTTP proxy defaults to for unqualified URLs (“unqualified” here means that the HTTP request from a browser did not include a server name in the URL, just a path.)

NNTP Proxy Server Configuration

Enable NNTP for USENET News access. If configured with the addresses of an internal and external news server, the firewall gateways NNTP traffic bidirectionally between the two systems. Host IP addresses or DNS names may be used. When configuring news on the internal and external servers, both systems should be set to feed news to the firewall, rather than attempting to exchange it directly. For example, if the internal news server is “nntp.sgi.com” with IP address 192.33.112.100, and the external news feed is “news.uu.net” with IP address 11.11.11.11, configure the proxy with the

appropriate names and addresses, and then configure the news software on “nntp.sgi.com” to transfer articles to the firewall. The upstream news feed “news.uu.net” would also transfer articles to the firewall.

SMTP Proxy Configuration

If you enable smap (for *sendmail*), you should specify the following:

- an idle timeout for SMTP connections—the default is 3600 seconds
- which directory the SMTP server should use—the default is */var/spool/smap*
- which address to send bad e-mail to—the default is “root”

POP3 Proxy Configuration

The POP3 proxy allows users to retrieve e-mail from a company POP3 server on the internal network. This can be extremely useful if they are traveling, for example. The remote users must be using client software that supports POP3 APOP authentication; they can then authenticate themselves to the Gauntlet firewall, and the firewall “plugs” the connection through to the internal POP3 server, performing the identical authentication exchange with the internal POP3 server. The user’s password to make use of the POP3 server is independent of the firewall’s primary user authentication database. However, it does need to be made known to the firewall (using the *apopkey* program) and needs to be identical to the password which the internal POP3 server has for that user. Refer to Chapter 3 for more information.

Click to *Enable* and then specify a destination POP3 server, and optionally a different timeout, to enable the POP3 proxy.

Ip Proxy Configuration

Click on *Enable* if you want to proxy print requests through the firewall. Refer to Chapter 8 for more information.

Info Server Configuration

Click on *Enable* if you want to use an info server instead of the usual FTP and/or HTTP servers as described in Chapter 10. You must then also enter the location of an information directory on this form.

Custom Configured Plug Gateways

Click on *Enable* to enable all custom-configured plug gateways.

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 **WebFORCE** Proxy Servers Configuration 

Connections & Transparent Proxies

Do you want connections allowed to the firewall itself?

Do you want to enable transparent proxies?

Proxy Default User/Group ID

What user ID should proxies run as?

What group ID should proxies run as?

Individual Proxies Configuration

▼ Enable FTP?

- Idle timeout (in seconds):
- Do you want to enable anonymous FTP on the firewall machine itself?

▶ Enable telnet?

▶ Enable rlogin?

Enable XWindows forwarding proxy for rlogin/telnet proxy users?

Enable (outbound) finger?

Enable (outbound) gopher?

Enable (outbound) whois?

▼ Enable (outbound) HTTP?

- What port should the HTTP proxy use?
- What server should the HTTP proxy default to for unqualified URLs?

Figure 11-9 Proxy Servers Configuration Form (1 of 2)

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Enable NNTP feed?

- Inside NNTP server:
- Outside NNTP server:

Enable SMTP (i.e., email) using `smap` as proxy?

Enable POP3 proxy?

- Idle timeout (in seconds):
- Destination POP3 server:

Enable lp (i.e., printing)?

- Idle timeout (in seconds):

Enable the `info` server?

- Idle timeout (in seconds):
- What information directory should be served?

Enable all custom-configured plug gateways?

Plug Gateways

	Source host(s)	Firewall port	Dest. host	Dest. port	
<input type="button" value="EDIT"/>	192.132.134.11	1234	root.net	2345	<input type="button" value="DELETE"/>
<input type="button" value="EDIT"/>	root.net	1234	192.132.134.12	2345	<input type="button" value="DELETE"/>

Remember, to put any configuration changes you make into effect, you need to select "Configure All" from the initial page.

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Figure 11-10 Proxy Servers Configuration Form (2 of 2)

Domain Name Service (DNS) Configuration Form

The DNS configuration form (Figure 11-11) helps you configure the files necessary to run a minimal DNS master server configuration for your site. This configuration is enough to function as the external server in a dual-DNS configuration, or as the basis for a site-wide server or other site-specific server. If you are the site-wide DNS server, add appropriate entries for each of the hosts on your network.

If you prefer to preserve your existing DNS configuration, be sure that the “Preserve the current DNS configuration?” box at the top of this form is checked, because the default is to overwrite the current configuration. If you deselect “Preserve the current DNS configuration,” and click *Save*, you will see the following additional configuration fields:

- Enter the host name of your authoritative DNS server
- Enter the IP address of the above server
- Enter the Internet domain name of your network
- Enter the address of your network corresponding to the above domain name
- Enter the hostname of your mail hub
- Enter the IP address of your mail hub

Refer to the next section and the references to other documentation in it if you are unfamiliar with any of these topics or DNS in general.

Domain Name Service and Gauntlet

When you join the Internet, you must participate in the Internet-wide DNS hierarchy. There are several popular methods of having your site’s DNS information available on the Internet. Some sites have their service provider serve the information for them. For sites that choose to run their own DNS server, there are two common firewall configurations. One involves running two DNS servers, an internal and an external server. This is often referred to as a split-DNS or dual-DNS configuration. The other involves running a fully-populated DNS server on the external host. In either case, the Gauntlet host would be a common choice to run a DNS server on, either as the

external part of a dual-DNS configuration, or as the single DNS server for the site.

DNS, the name service used on the Internet, should be configured for your site to give out the addresses that other sites need to contact you. This might include the address of your router, your firewall host, and any other machines you want others to be able to communicate with. In the case of a simple firewall comprised of a dual-homed host, the dual-homed host would be a DNS server, providing the address of the Internet side of its network connection. In the case of a screened subnet, the DNS server could be any of the “public” hosts in the subnet, and it could provide addresses for all of these hosts and the router.

You should also set up the DNS Mail eXchanger (MX) record to advertise the name of the host(s) responsible for mail at your site. This may be the firewall host or another host. Do not publish internal hostnames and addresses on the firewall host. If you have a single firewall host performing multiple services, say FTP and WWW serving, use CNAME records to “alias” the services to the hostname. This makes it easy to move these services to different hosts if you want to separate them later.

Configuring DNS is a task that is very difficult to automate reliably, because many sites’ DNS configurations vary widely. The purpose of the DNS configuration tools included with the Gauntlet firewall is to give the administrator a quick means of setting up a basic, working DNS. More advanced DNS management requires manual operation and familiarity with the DNS software.

Gauntlet uses the Silicon Graphics example DNS configuration files to configure DNS for your firewall. If you are not sure how to fill in the DNS configuration form, refer to the chapter on “The BIND Name Server” in the *IRIX Advanced Site and Server Administration Guide*.

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▼ Common DNS Configuration for Firewalled Sites

If you complete this form, Gauntlet will later create the files necessary to run a minimum DNS master server configuration for your site. The configuration can serve as the external server in a dual-DNS configuration, or as the basis for an internal site-wide server, or some other site-specific server. If you are the site-wide DNS server, you will need to add appropriate entries for each of the hosts on your network later (remember to select preserving the current DNS configuration right before you start customizing).

Let Gauntlet Configure DNS

If you wish to configure DNS manually, you will want to have Gauntlet preserve the current DNS configuration so as not to override your configuration.

Preserve the current DNS configuration?

Details...

The following information will be used to set up DNS files which identify what system is an authoritative name server for your domain, map your firewall's external host name to and from its external IP address, and advertises a wildcard MX record for your domain to focus email to your mail hub. Note that the name server and mail hub you enter here should both be systems which are externally accessible. In a simple configuration, your firewall itself will act as the externally accessible name server and mail hub for your site.

Enter the host name of your authoritative DNS server:

Enter the IP address of the above server:

Enter the Internet domain name of your network:

Enter the address of your network corresponding to the above domain name:

Enter the host name of your mail hub:

Enter the IP address of your mail hub:

Figure 11-11 DNS Configuration Form

Sendmail Configuration Form

Use the Sendmail configuration form (Figure 11-12) if you want to use the Gauntlet browser-based interface to modify the Gauntlet firewall's Sendmail configuration. If you prefer, you can use the IRIX *configmail* tool, or edit the */etc/sendmail.cf* file directly. Be sure to check the *Preserve the current sendmail configuration?* button if you do this, because the default is to overwrite the current configuration.

If you are going to create a new configuration, enter the host and domain names of the firewall in the appropriate fields.

Refer to *sendmail(1M)*, *configmail(1M)*, and the *IRIX Advanced Site and Server Administration Guide*.

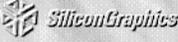
Sendmail and DNS

Your mail system should be configured cooperatively with your DNS configuration. That is, whichever machine your DNS server is advertising as your Mail eXchanger (MX) host, must have its *sendmail.cf* configured to accept mail for your network and to do the appropriate thing with it once it is received. Usually that means to forward the mail to a master mail machine on the internal network, which knows users' internal addresses, and how to deliver the mail to them.

Note: The convention is to use the domain name of your network as your electronic mail address. For example, user "harry" at company XYZ corporation, whose domain name is XYZ.com would have the electronic mail address of "harry@XYZ.com". To reinforce the electronic mail address of your site, and to make it easy for others to reply to your users' mail, we recommend that you configure your *sendmail.cf* to rewrite all your addresses to conform to this convention.

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 **Sendmail Configuration** 

Common Mail Topology for Firewalled Sites

Let Gauntlet Configure sendmail

If you wish to configure `sendmail` manually (either by using `configmail`, or by using the editor of your choice on `sendmail.cf`), you will want to have Gauntlet preserve the current `sendmail` configuration so as not to override your changes.

Preserve the current `sendmail` configuration?

Details...

The following information will be used to set `configmail(1M)` parameters; `configmail` is an IRIX utility that (in conjunction with the `sendmail.cf.auto` file) allow customizing the definitions of selected sendmail macros and classes without editing the `sendmail` configuration file every time a change is necessary.

Enter the host name of your firewall:

Enter the domain name of your firewall:

Subdomain names to be recognized for your site:

Subdomain	
<input type="button" value="EDIT"/>	sub
<input type="button" value="DELETE"/>	

Remember, to put any configuration changes you make into effect, you need to select "Configure All" from the initial page.

Figure 11-12 Sendmail Configuration Form

swIPe Configuration Form

Figure 11-13 illustrates the swIPe configuration form. swIPe provides IP network address authentication; that is, it ensures that the IP packets are coming from who they say they are, protecting against IP address spoofing. IP address authentication could be used in conjunction with permission sets to guarantee that interaction is occurring only between confirmed entities. Encryption protects against unauthorized access to data. Use encryption for data that crosses over untrusted networks and that must be kept secret and protected against alteration.

swIPe Peers and Paths

Peers are two Gauntlet firewalls configured to support authentication or encryption between them. There must be a Gauntlet host at each end of any session that is secured in this fashion. Refer to Figure 11-14 for an illustration of two Gauntlet hosts acting as peers in a network path that passes through the Internet.

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swIPe Configuration


Gauntlet provides optional IP [authentication and privacy](#) using swIPe. By configuring [peers and paths](#) through those peers you can select which communications that traverse untrusted networks are authenticated or encrypted for privacy.

▼ **swIPe Peers**

	Peer	Authenticate?	Encrypt?	
<input type="button" value="EDIT"/>	192.132.121.11	Yes	Yes	<input type="button" value="DELETE"/>

▼ **swIPe Paths**

	Local Address	Remote Address	Via Peer	
<input type="button" value="EDIT"/>	192.132.134.*	192.132.132.*	192.132.121.11	<input type="button" value="DELETE"/>

Remember, to put any configuration changes you make into effect, you need to select "Configure All" from the initial page.

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Figure 11-13 swIPe Configuration Form

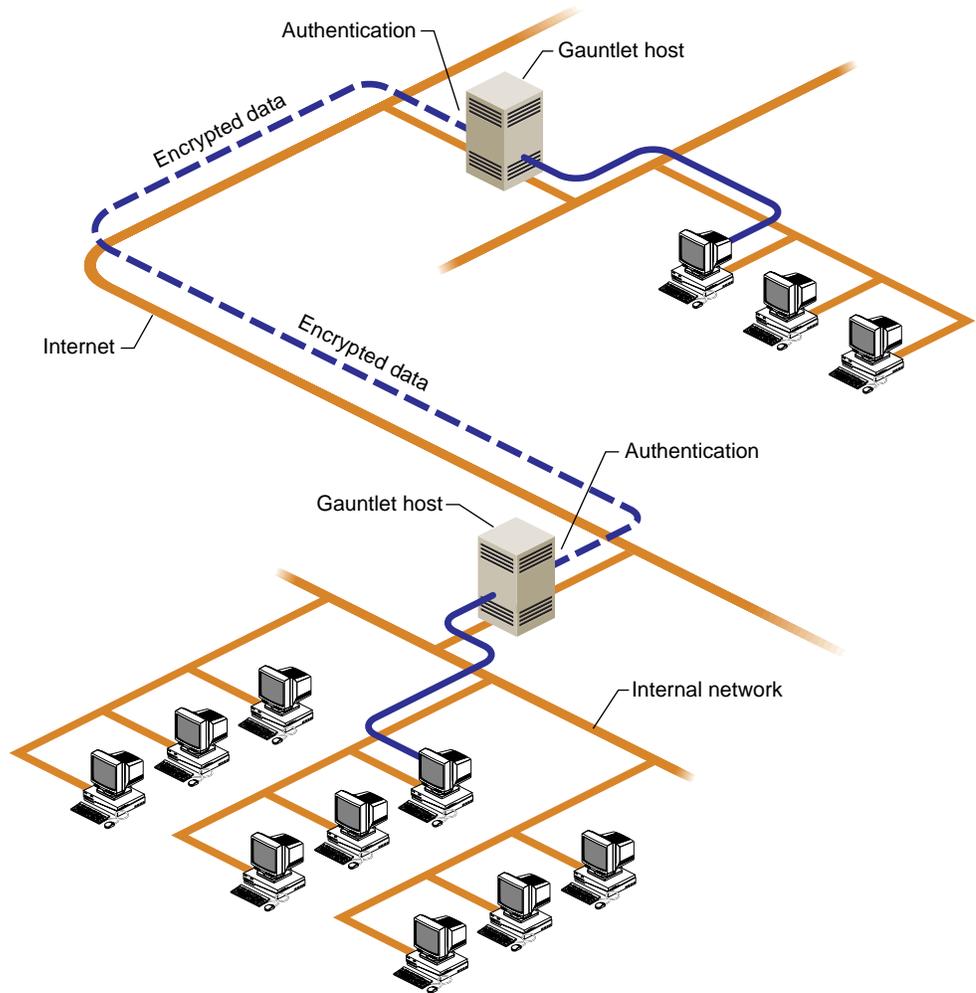


Figure 11-14 Gauntlet Hosts Using swiPE

Logfiles and Reports Configuration Form

You can use the reports and logfiles form (Figure 11-15) to configure some basic reporting mechanisms on the Gauntlet firewall.

The system automatically generates reports, and you can specify yourself (and other users, in a comma-separated list) to receive these reports by e-mail.

You may also specify which reports you want to receive (daily, weekly, or both), how often you want the report software to run and how long you want system log files to be saved. Save the files for at least seven days if you want to receive full weekly reports.

You should assign either yourself or another trusted user as the system Postmaster (to receive any generic mail addressed to "Postmaster" at the Gauntlet host).

An example of log file entries generated by the Gauntlet firewall is shown in Example 11-2 (lines have been shortened for readability). If you do not want certain types of entries to be reported, you can specify them using *egrep* syntax in the field provided on this form (see *egrep*(1)). For example, enter "localhost" in the *egrep* field to keep lines that include the string "localhost" from appearing in the log file output. Be careful not to specify filters that are too broad and prevent you from seeing warnings and notices you want to see.

Example 11-2 Partial Log File Listing

```
Aug 10 02:00:08 6F:rfwall syslogd: restart
Aug 10 06:56:22 5D:rfwall netacl[1355]: permit host=boston.esd.abc.com...
Aug 10 06:56:22 5D:rfwall tn-gw[1355]: permit host=boston.esd.abc.com/...
Aug 10 06:56:32 5D:rfwall tn-gw[1355]: permit host=boston.esd.abc.com/...
Aug 10 06:56:32 5D:rfwall tn-gw[1355]: connected host=boston.esd.abc.c...
Aug 10 06:56:32 5D:rfwall netacl[1356]: permit host=localhost/127.0.0....
Aug 10 10:45:41 5D:rfwall authsrv[1893]: BADAUTH smith (tn-gw midas.xy...
Aug 10 10:45:45 5D:rfwall authsrv[1893]: BADAUTH exit (tn-gw midas.xyz...
<etc>
```

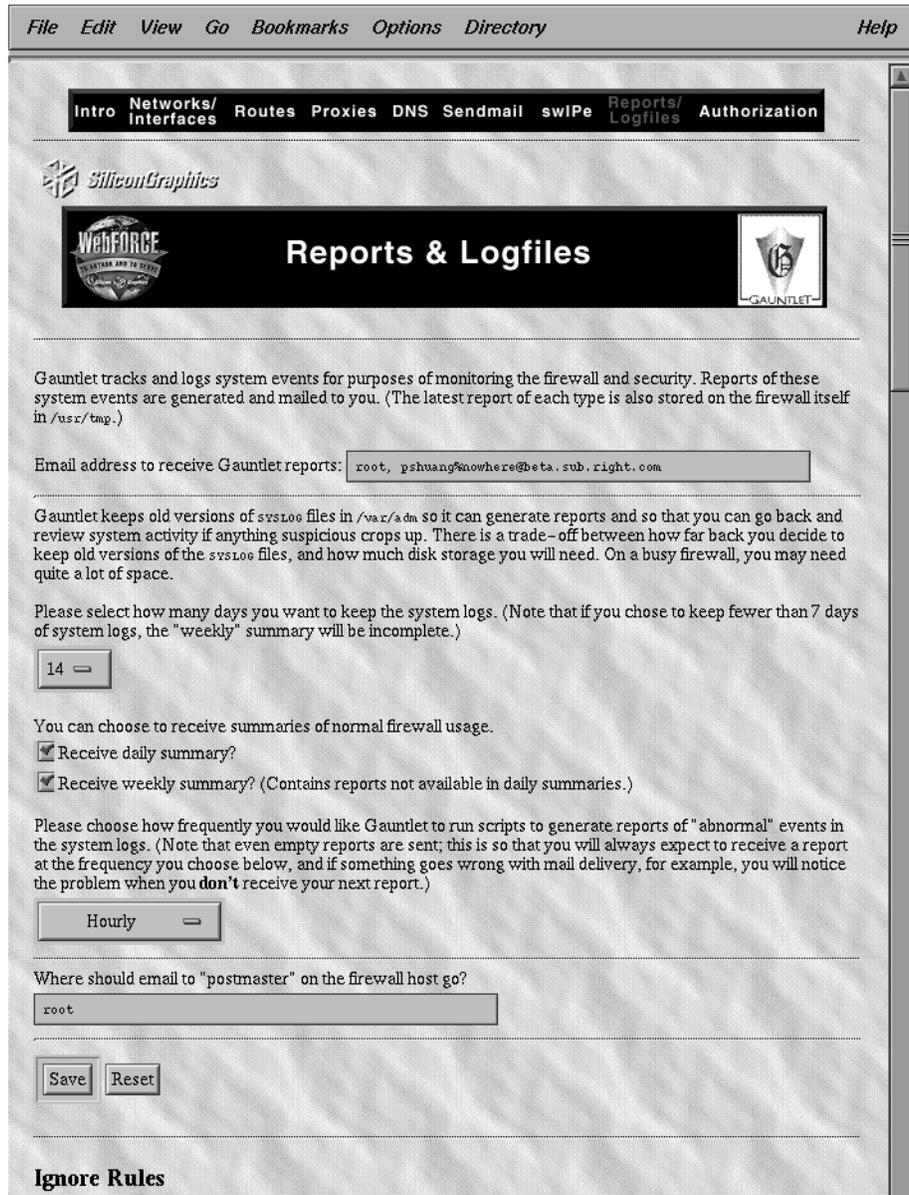


Figure 11-15 Reports and Logfiles Form

Refer to Appendix A for command-line and file information on reports.

Authorizing Users Form

The authorizing users form (Figure 11-16) allows you to specify which users can access services from an untrusted network if they successfully authenticate themselves. Several different authentication mechanisms are supported.

User Authentication

You have several choices in setting a user's authentication protocol:

- **skey**—S/Key software system that uses a challenge-response model to implement authentication. S/Key is a freely available software authentication system from Bellcore. It is included “as is” with the Gauntlet firewall. The IRIX executable that users need to generate responses is `/usr/bin/key` and can be copied to other IRIX 5.3 or later systems. If you want to use S/Key on other systems as well as IRIX, you can download source code from the site listed in “Additional Resources” on page xx. Refer to Example 11-3 for an example of an S/Key authentication session.
- **MDauth**—another authentication system, but less widely known and available than S/Key. MDauth is also a software-based system that uses challenge response. It is based on MD5 checksums. MDauth is included “as is” with the Gauntlet firewall. Especially in heterogeneous environments, it may be preferable to use S/Key rather than MDauth. The IRIX executable that users need to generate responses is `/usr/etc/softmd5`.
- **password**—Plain text passwords. This is not recommended for use under any circumstances for accessing a network from over an untrusted network. Plain text passwords are included as an option principally for sites that wish to do chargeback accounting or individual accounting of firewall use.
- **EnigmaLogicSafeWord**—support for the EnigmaLogic Safeword Authentication Server (see <http://www.safeword.com> for more information.)

- Security Dynamics ACE—support for the security Dynamics ACE Server (see <http://www.securid.com> for more information.)

When editing a user record, if the *Password:* field is not empty, the new value will be used to reset the user's existing password entry for whatever authentication protocol he or she uses (unless the protocol is for one of the third party authentication servers, in which case you should administer user passwords using that product's administration tools.). If you make an error when editing a user record, simply click the *Reset* button, which aborts any changes that were made.

Adding a user with the Add Users form (Figure 11-17) means that the user can use all of the enabled services. The group field lets you associate groups of users.

Note: Adding users and groups here does not create IRIX accounts or groups for the users—just proxy server authorization.

Figure 11-18 illustrates user authentication on the Gauntlet host.

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Authorizing Users



▼ Authentication Mechanisms

The following authentication mechanisms are available. To learn more about a particular mechanism, or to configure it if necessary, simply select the mechanism.

- [EnigmaLogicSafeWord](#)
- [Skey](#)
- [MDauth](#)
- [password](#)

Users

You must explicitly [authorize](#) the users who should be allowed to Gauntlet application proxies from untrusted networks.

	User	Group	Long Name	Enable	Protocol	Last Authentication	
EDIT	mdStest	None	MDAuth Test User	Yes	MDauth	Never	DELETE
EDIT	pshuang	None	Ping-Shun Huang	Yes	password	Mar 26 11:22:55 1996	DELETE
EDIT	skeytest	None	S/Key Test User	Yes	Skey	Mar 18 12:42:40 1996	DELETE

[ADD](#)

Remember, to put any configuration changes you make into effect, you need to select "Configure All" from the initial page.

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Figure 11-16 Authorizing Users Form

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Add User

Enter a new user:

- Enter username:
- Enter password:
- Enter password again:
- Enter group:
- Enter full name:
- Enable this user?
- Authentication protocol?

Figure 11-17 Add User Form

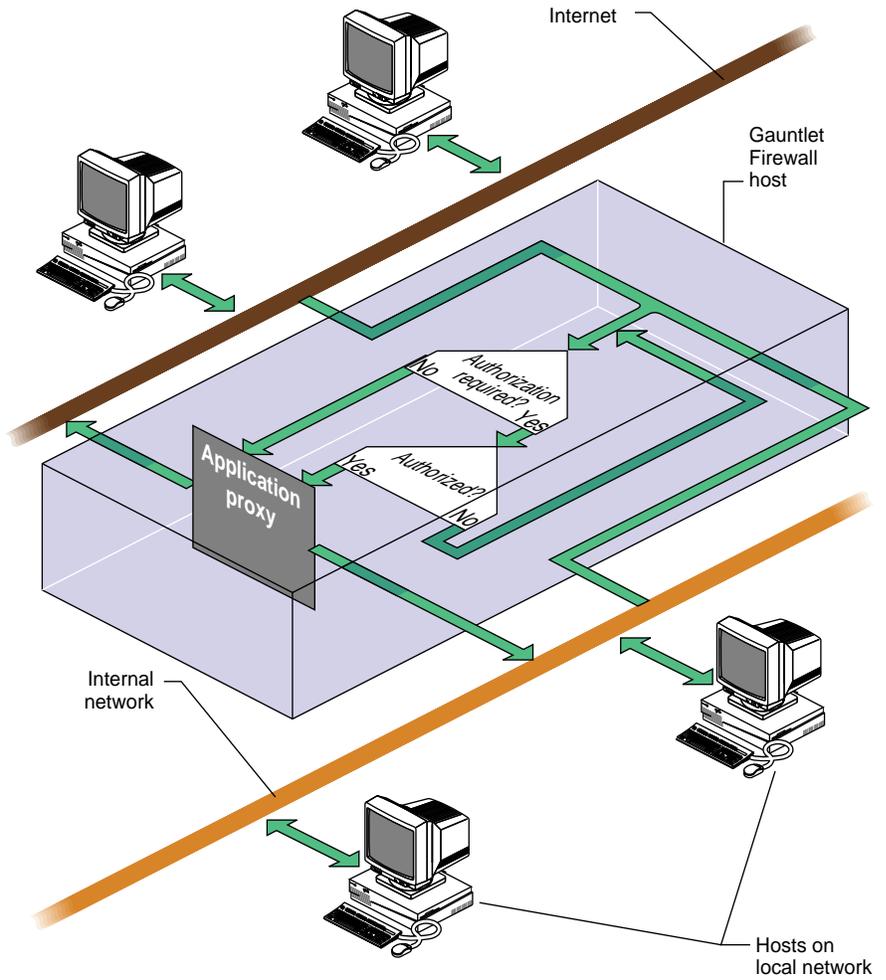


Figure 11-18 User Authentication

Example 11-3 shows an S/Key authentication session from the point of view of a user on a remote client. Note that this assumes that the administrator of the system has already added the user in the authentication database as an S/Key user with a password known to the user, and that the user has access to the `/usr/bin/key` program on the client.

Example 11-3 S/Key Authentication Session Example

```
% telnet firewall.yoyodyne.com
Trying 204.255.154.100...
Connected to firewall.yoyodyne.com.
Escape character is '^]'.
Username: jones
Skey Challenge: s/key 662 rf20257:
```

At this point, the user must run the `key` program on the client to generate a response to the server challenge:

```
% key 662 rf20257
Enter secret password: fxdkiux
```

```
BUSY SWIM PIE GURU CAR DIG
```

The user then enters the response back at the server prompt:

```
Skey Challenge: s/key 662 rf20257: BUSY SWIM PIE GURU CAR
DIGD
```

```
Login Accepted
tn-gw->
```

Caution: The user client must be secure. The user must be careful to always run the client locally so that his or her password is not sent over a network connection.

After a certain number of authentication sessions, a new password must be set for S/Key. The remaining number of authentication sessions for the current password is the first string in the S/Key server challenge (662 in the example).

Managing User Authentication

As discussed in other chapters, the Gauntlet firewall can permit or deny access based not just on hostname, but also on user name. In addition, your security policy may require that users use some form of strong authentication each time they access a particular host or service within their perimeter. To ease the integration of users, strong authentication, and the firewall, the Gauntlet firewall provides a user authentication management system.

Use of the authentication management system is optional. However, you must use it any time you have configured your FTP, TELNET, and Rlogin proxies to require authentication from untrusted networks (the default for the Gauntlet firewall).

This chapter describes the concepts behind the user authentication management system and some common administrative tasks.

Understanding the User Authentication Management System

As part of the security policy, many sites may require some form of strong authentication, which requires users to enter a one-time password or use an authentication token. There are many systems available that can be integrated into a IRIX networking environment, each with its own programming and management interface. These are described in more detail in the section “Understanding Strong Authentication” below.

When you combine the user administration tasks for IRIX systems, a strong authentication system, and the Gauntlet firewall, you have a lot of interfaces to remember. The Gauntlet user authentication management system acts as a piece of “middleware” to provide a unified interface for several strong authentication systems and the Gauntlet firewall.

The Gauntlet user authentication management system allows you to easily integrate several different strong authentication systems into your general firewall administration. You can create, modify, disable, delete, and examine users. The authentication system maintains a database for this information.

How the Firewall Uses This Information

The various proxies use the information in the user authentication management system any time you have configured the proxies to require authentication. Using the default Gauntlet policies, this occurs any time a user from an untrusted network tries to access a service inside the perimeter. Recall that untrusted networks are those from which the firewall accepts requests only after authentication by the user.

Remember that using the default policy, the proxies do *not* authenticate requests from trusted networks. The proxies operate under the assumption that users coming from trusted networks are who they say they are.

For example, consider the situation of a user, John, working at a client site (blaze.clientsite.com) who needs information stored on a machine at work (dimension.yoyodyne.com). When John tries to TELNET to dimension, which is within the perimeter, he must pass the first authentication at the firewall (firewall.yoyodyne.com).

When firewall.yoyodyne.com receives the information, the TELNET proxy determines that the connection request is from an untrusted network, and that John can access inside machines.

The TELNET proxy then prompts John for his authentication information (user name and challenge), which it verifies against the information in the user authentication database. If John provided the proper information, and his account is not disabled, the proxy provides a prompt. John can then connect to dimension on the inside network.

How Other Services Use This Information

The *login-sh* program uses the user authentication database to authenticate users logging into the firewall itself. This login shell authenticates the user

before starting the users normal shell (for example, *cs**h*, *ksh*, or *zsh*). See *login-sh(1M)* for details.

Understanding Users, Groups, and Administrators

Users

User names you create in the user authentication management system are used only for strong authentication. The user names must match the user names for the strong authentication system you are using.

The user names in the user authentication management system do not generally need to match user names on the firewall itself. By default, you do not create any user accounts on the firewall. The exception to this rule is the *login-sh* authentication wrapper program. The *login-sh* program authenticates users before logging them into the firewall. Then, the information in the user authentication management system must match the standard IRIX user information (in */etc/passwd*) for these users.

The user names in the user authentication management system do not need to match any user names on your internal network. For example, John Whorfin might use “john” as his user name on internal networks. He could use “whorfin” for strong authentication at the firewall. You may wish to use the same names for the convenience of your users.

Groups

The Gauntlet user authentication management system also makes use of groups. Groups allow you to permit or deny services based on groups of user names, rather than individual user names. For example, you can configure the X11 proxy to permit service to everyone in group sales.

Just as is the case with user names, the groups that you create in the Gauntlet user authentication management system are not the same as the groups you create on the firewall or on the internal network. You can of course use the same names, for easier administration.

The Pieces

The user authentication management system consists of several programs. The use of each of these components, and their options, is described in the appropriate sections of this chapter.

Authentication Server

This program (*authsrv*) is a network daemon that actually verifies information against the database. It also disables user accounts automatically after a configurable number of failed login attempts

Authentication Editor

You can edit, add, or delete users from the *gauntlet-admin* Authentication page.

Authentication Loader

This program (*authload*) loads records in bulk into the database, and initializes the database.

Authentication Dumper

This program (*authdump*) exports the contents of the database to an ASCII file, for easy backup.

Understanding Strong Authentication

The Gauntlet firewall supports a variety of strong authentication options. The authentication management system understands the types of passwords that these systems use, and provides a consistent user interface to these systems.

Currently supported systems are shown below. Consult the system requirements card in your Gauntlet firewall package for the latest information on supported versions of these products.

APOP

This system, supported APOP compliant (mail) applications, uses an MD5 secure hash algorithm. The application generates a random challenge and includes it as part of the initial banner.

This option is currently used only by the POP3 proxy.

SecurID

This system, available from Security Dynamics, uses a time-based password. The SecurID card generates a passcode. When the firewall prompts for authentication, the user enters his or her personal identification number (PIN) and the passcode shown on the card. The Gauntlet authentication server verifies this value with the Security Dynamics ACE server.

EnigmaLogic SafeWord

SafeWord is available from EnigmaLogic and supports numerous hardware authentication tokens. The Gauntlet authentication server communicates with SafeWord during the authentication process.

S/Key

This system, from Bellcore, uses a one-time password. Users generate a set of passwords based on a “seed” word or phrase. Each time they need to authenticate, they use a different password. When the firewall prompts for authentication, it provides a challenge value. The user enters his or her appropriate password for that challenge. The Gauntlet authentication server verifies this value.

The Gauntlet firewall distribution includes a portion of the S/Key package. The full S/Key package is available for FTP from [ftp.bellcore.com](ftp://ftp.bellcore.com/pub/nmh/skey) in *pub/nmh/skey*.

You can also use the Naval Research Lab One-Time Password in Everything (OPIE), which is downward-compatible with Bellcore's S/Key Version 1 software. The OPIE package is available for FTP from [ftp.nrl.navy.mil](ftp://ftp.nrl.navy.mil/pub/security/nrl-opie/) in */pub/security/nrl-opie/*.

Reusable Passwords

This system, a part of the user authentication system included with the Gauntlet firewall, is a reusable password option. It is designed for administrator testing only. Every time users need to authenticate, they use the same password. Reusable passwords are also sometimes known as plain or text passwords.



Warning: *Do not use the reusable passwords option for authentication from untrusted networks. We discourage the use of reusable passwords. Reusable passwords are vulnerable to password sniffers and are easy to crack. This feature is provided for convenience and audit capability only.*

Configuring the User Authentication Management System

Configuring the user authentication management system involves planning, setting up the third-party authentication system, configuring network systems, configuring firewall services, initializing the database, and verifying that you did it all correctly.

Unless otherwise noted, you must perform all of these tasks from the firewall console as root.

Once you have configured and are using the system, all activity to the authentication database is logged and included in the weekly summary reports.

Configuring Third Party Systems

See the online configuration help available for the third-party systems by clicking on the authentication system name on the *gauntlet-admin* Authentication page.

Configuring Network Services

You do not need to modify the IRIX configuration files on the firewall to support the authentication management system.

You may wish to modify */etc/passwd* to force those with actual user login accounts on the firewall itself (these accounts should only be the administrators for the firewall) to strongly authenticate themselves to login, using *login-sh(1M)*, which supports any of the authentication mechanisms aforementioned.

Configuring Authentication Management System Rules

If you are using the Gauntlet Firewall default configuration, you do not need to modify the configuration rules for the user authentication management system. If you have chosen a different port or a different location for your database, you must modify */usr/gauntlet/config/template.netperm-table* to reflect your configuration. See Appendix B for more information on authentication manager options, *netperm-table* options, and order of precedence.

Verifying Your Installation

Verify your installation by accessing the firewall from a host on the outside network.

To verify an installation using TELNET:

1. On a host on the outside network, TELNET to the firewall.
2. At the TELNET proxy user name prompt, enter a user name you have created.
3. At the TELNET proxy password prompt, enter the appropriate password or response for the user you have created.
4. When you see the “Login Accepted” banner, you have verified your installation. You are now ready to begin creating groups, adding users and assigning them to groups. These tasks are described in the sections on managing groups and users in this chapter.

Managing Groups

As with IRIX systems, the Gauntlet user authentication management system makes use of groups. Groups allow you to permit or deny services based on groups, rather than individual user names. For example, you can configure the TELNET proxy to require authentication for everyone in the group “sales”. See “Extended Permissions” in the authserv(1M) reference page for details.

Remember that the groups that you create in the Gauntlet system are not necessarily the same as the IRIX groups you create on the firewall or on your internal network. You can of course use the same names, for easier administration.

Creating Groups

Groups can be created with the authorization server or the *gauntlet-admin* interface.

To create a group, assign a user to a group that did not exist before. Remember that you may want to make your group names the same as existing IRIX groups.

Disabling Groups

You cannot disable entire groups. You must disable usage based on individual users.

Deleting Groups

To delete a group, you must reassign all users in that group to another group, or to no group at all.

Managing Users

Creating Users

Users can be created with the *gauntlet-admin* interface.

If you need to create a large number of users, use the authentication loader. The authentication database dumper will show you the format that the loader expects.

Remember that the users that you create in the Gauntlet system are not necessarily the same as the users you create on the firewall or on your internal network. You can of course use the same names, for easier administration.

To create a user, follow these steps:

1. Enter the user ID and full user name.
2. If you want to assign the user to a group, enter the name of the group. If the group does not exist, creating the user creates the group. If a group administrator creates users, those users will inherit the group information.
3. Enter the strong-authentication protocol for this user. Current options are selectable from the selection box.



Warning: Do not use the reusable passwords option for authentication from untrusted networks. Reusable passwords are vulnerable to password sniffers and are easy to crack. This feature is provided for convenience and audit capability only.

4. Enter the authentication information for the user if applicable. (In some cases, this will be a password.)
5. Verify the authentication information by entering it again.
6. Make the information active by saving these changes (in *gauntlet-admin*).

Changing User Names

You cannot actually change a user name using the authentication management system. You must create a new user name, assign appropriate groups and privileges, and delete the old user name.

You can, however, change the long name information for a user using the *gauntlet-admin* interface

To change the long name information, follow these steps:

1. Select the record for the user name you wish to modify.
2. Tab to the name field and change the information.
3. Make these changes active by saving these changes.

Changing Groups

Users can only belong to one group at a time.

To change groups, follow these steps:

1. Select the record for the user name you wish to modify.
2. Enter the name of the new group in the group field.
3. Make the information active by saving these changes.

Changing Protocols

To change protocols

1. Configure the user information in the third party authentication system if you want the user to use that system.
2. Select the record for the user name you wish to modify.
3. Enter the new protocol in the protocol field.
4. Enter the new password in the password field if applicable.
5. Make the information active by saving these changes.

Changing Passwords

Several strong authentication systems (for example, MDauth, S/Key, and reusable passwords) allow passwords that can be set (and reset) by the user.

For other authentication systems, you must use the third party authentication server tools to allow a user to change passwords or change something equivalent, such as a PIN for a hardware token device, or to change devices altogether.

Allowing Users to Change Their Password

Because users are generally not allowed to log directly into the firewall, they must change their password from another machine. The default policy allows users connecting to the firewall from the inside network to change their passwords for non-third party systems.

Users can change their passwords through either the TELNET or Rlogin proxies.

To change passwords as a user, follow these steps:

1. From a machine on the inside network, TELNET or Rlogin to the firewall.
2. Use the password command.
3. Authenticate to the proxy.
4. Enter the new password.
5. Verify the new password.

The example below shows a sample S/Key password change from the TELNET proxy:

```
dimension-83: telnet firewall
Trying...
Connected to firewall.yoyodyne.com
Escape character is '^'.
tn-gw-> password
Changing passwords
```

```
Username: john
Skey Challenge: s/key 644 fi58297 LOAM WOOD BOIL VASE TELL
TINY
New Password: #####
Retype New Password: #####
ID john s/key is 664 fi582901
```

Enabling Users

Enabling users also allows users who have been disabled to use the system again.

To enable a user, follow these steps:

1. Select the record for the user name you wish to modify.
2. Check the “Enable” box.
3. Save your changes.

Disabling Users

Disabling users allows you to keep the user information in the system, but does not allow the user to use the system. The user authentication system disables users after a set number (configurable by the administrator) of failed login attempts. You can disable a user by unchecking the Enable box.

Deleting Users

Deleting users removes them from the user authentication management system. It does not remove users from your firewall or from your internal network.

To delete a user, follow these steps:

1. Select the delete option for the record for the user name you wish to delete.
2. Confirm your deletion action.

Logging and Reporting

Logging is an important part of a properly configured firewall. Administrators can use the information in logs to gather usage statistics, monitor activities, check for problems, and investigate potential attacks. The logging features of the Gauntlet Internet Firewall provide administrators with a wealth of information about activities to and through the firewall. The logging features present the information in several formats. You should, of course, configure both the logging and reporting features to match your security policy.

This chapter describes the concepts behind logging and reporting systems, configuring these systems, and understanding the log and report formats.

Understanding Logging and Reporting

The Gauntlet Firewall follows the philosophy that it is easy to compress, consolidate, summarize, and delete log information; it is impossible to retroactively gather log information on an event that has already occurred. Disk space is a lot cheaper than spending many hours debugging a problem that a program would have written to the logs. For these reasons, the components of the Gauntlet Firewall log a wide variety of activities and attributes.

These are the components of the Gauntlet Firewall:

- firewall kernel
- proxies
- authentication management system
- DNS
- sendmail

These are the attributes logged:

- source IP address
- destination IP address
- source port
- destination port
- user name
- session date and time
- number of bytes transferred
- individual commands (for some activities)
- successful access attempts
- unsuccessful access attempts

Creating Logs

The proxies, kernel and authentication management system automatically write information to the logs. These programs call the standard IRIX system log command (*syslog*) to write information to the standard IRIX log file in */var/adm/SYSLOG*. You don't need to do anything special to create the logs. Even if you choose not to do anything with the information in the logs, the programs still write the information. You never know when you might need it.

The message log file also contains information from other programs, such as *bind*, *cron* and other IRIX utilities that use the *syslog* command

As with any other information that the *syslog* function writes, the firewall log information is ASCII text. People and shell scripts can easily parse the information.

Every night the *cron* daemon runs a shell script that rotates, compresses, truncates, and removes the log files. The Gauntlet script */usr/gauntlet/bin/daily* rotates the reports and compresses (using *gzip*) older log files.

Configuring Logs

The default logging options included with the Gauntlet Firewall meet the needs of most security policies. You do not need to set or modify any options if you wish to use the default configuration, which logs all of the information described above, and retains the logs for 14 days. You can customize the contents and retention of the log, however.

Configuring Additional Logging

Many of the proxies can log specific commands. For example, the FTP proxy can create a log entry for each command (STOR, RETR, CWD, LIST) it receives.

To modify the commands that the proxies log, add the *-log* parameter and appropriate options for the proxy in the *netperm-table* file. Consult Appendix B for more information on editing the *netperm-table* file and proxy-specific logging options.

Configuring Log Retention Time

If you wish to change the length of time the firewall retains log files, you may do so with the *gauntlet-admin* interface.

To set the retention time, set the number of days to retain the logs.

Creating Reports

The Gauntlet Internet Firewall contains several reporting mechanisms that sort through the log files and summarize the information. The firewall automatically generates the reports that are selected in *gauntlet-admin*. The *cron* daemon is used to run a set of shell scripts that parse the information in */var/adm/SYSLOG*. You do not need to do anything special to create the reports; the firewall does it automatically.

The firewall includes two main types of reports: Service Summary Reports and Exception Reports.

Service Summary Reports

The Service Summary Reports include usage and user information on a per service basis. For example, the default report for the TELNET gateway indicates the top 100 clients by connections, the top 100 clients by amount of traffic, and the top 100 denied clients.

Each night the *cron* daemon on the firewall runs the daily script (*/usr/gauntlet/bin/daily*). When the daily report option is turned on (it is on by default), this script calls a daily report script (*/usr/gauntlet/bin/daily-report*) which calls other shell scripts to summarize the logs for each service. The firewall mails the reports to the *firewalladmin* alias as configured with *gauntlet-admin*. Note that the firewall stores the daily report in */usr/tmp/daily-report*.

When the weekly report is turned on, the *cron* daemon on the firewall runs the weekly script (*/usr/gauntlet/bin/weekly*). This script calls the weekly reporting script (*/usr/gauntlet/bin/weekly-report*) to summarize the services for the past week. The firewall mails the reports to the *firewalladmin* alias. Note that the firewall stores the weekly report in */usr/tmp/weekly-report*.

Exception Reports

Exception Reports include noteworthy items. The Gauntlet Firewall defines a list of items that are not noteworthy and ignores those sorts of entries in the logs. The firewall considers all other events as possible security events. Thus, any item that you have not specifically told the firewall to ignore, it reports. This report includes information that could indicate a possible attack or other problems.

For example, the firewall default is to ignore successful authentications when parsing the log file. Successful authentication attempts are a normal part of firewall activity. However, unsuccessful authentication attempts could be a sign of a potential attack. Therefore, the exception report includes all unsuccessful authentication attempts from the logs.

To create the Exception Reports, the *cron* daemon periodically (the default is four times a day but this can be configured in *gauntlet-admin*) runs a reporting script (*/usr/gauntlet/bin/frequentcheck*). This script scans the log files for events that it can ignore, as defined in another configuration file

(*/usr/gauntlet/config/frequentcheck.ignore*). The script summarizes all of the noteworthy items since the last time it created a report. The firewall mails the reports to the *firewalladmin* alias. The firewall stores the exception report in */usr/tmp/frequentcheck-report*.

Configuring Reports

The default reporting options included with the Gauntlet Firewall meet the needs of most security policies. You do not need to set or modify any options if you wish to use the default configuration, which e-mails weekly Service Summary reports and the Exception report to root as the default recipient of email sent to *firewalladmin*.

You can customize the events that your firewall ignores in the exception reports from *gauntlet-admin*. You can also customize the report recipient, enable and disable daily and weekly Service Summary reports, and customize the Exception reporting interval.

Configuring Events to Ignore

You can configure the events that the reporting scripts ignore when parsing the logs. This allows you to configure the firewall to ignore events that you know are routine for your situation.

To modify the events that the reporting scripts ignore, modify the list of events on the Proxies form in *gauntlet-admin*. Use regular expressions to denote events that are not significant.

Configuring the Firewall

To change your reporting options, use the *gauntlet-admin* interface.

To set reporting options, follow these steps:

1. Set the recipient of the report to the person or alias to which the firewall should e-mail reports.
2. Enable the daily reports option if you want the firewall to mail copies of the daily Service Summary reports.
3. Enable the weekly reports option if you want the firewall to mail copies of the weekly Service Summary reports.
4. Set the frequentcheck interval option to the frequency at which the firewall will scan the logs, then create and mail the Exception report.

Reading Logs and Reports

The logs and reports that the firewall writes are in ASCII, easy for you and reporting scripts to read. This section presents a brief overview of what the logs and reports look like, and what the items indicate.

Logs

The log file (*/var/log/SYSLOG*) contains a chronological list of events written by the kernel, proxies, authentication management system, and other processes. The sample below shows all of the events that the firewall logged in a two-minute period between 10:47:00 and 10:48:59.

```
Oct 30 10:47:22 firewall http-gw[12079]: permit host=unknown/10.0.1.17 use of gateway (Ver
g3.0.3 / 0)
Oct 30 10:47:22 firewall http-gw[12079]: log host=unknown/10.0.1.17 protocol=HTTP cmd=dir
dest=www.tis.com path=/
Oct 30 10:47:23 firewall http-gw[12079]: content-type= text/html
Oct 30 10:47:23 firewall http-gw[12079]: exit host=unknown/10.0.1.17 cmds=1 in=2392 out=0
user=unauth duration=6
Oct 30 10:47:23 firewall http-gw[12080]: permit host=unknown/10.0.1.17 use of gateway (Ver
g3.0.3 / 0)
Oct 30 10:47:23 firewall http-gw[12080]: log host=unknown/10.0.1.17 protocol=HTTP cmd=get
dest=www.tis.com path=/art/actual/title.gif
Oct 30 10:47:25 firewall http-gw[12080]: content-type= image/gif
Oct 30 10:47:27 firewall http-gw[12080]: exit host=unknown/10.0.1.17 cmds=1 in=5581 out=0
user=unauth duration=4
Oct 30 10:47:28 firewall http-gw[12081]: permit host=unknown/10.0.1.17 use of gateway (Ver
g3.0.3 / 0)
```

```

Oct 30 10:47:28 firewall http-gw[12081]: log host=unknown/10.0.1.17 protocol=HTTP cmd=get
dest=www.tis.com path=/art/buttons/2.netsec.gif
Oct 30 10:47:28 firewall http-gw[12081]: content-type= image/gif
Oct 30 10:47:28 firewall http-gw[12081]: exit host=unknown/10.0.1.17 cmds=1 in=135 out=0
user=unauth duration=0
Oct 30 10:48:24 firewall smap[12082]: connect host=cosmo.clientsite.com/192.94.214.96
Oct 30 10:48:24 firewall smap[12082]: host=cosmo.clientsite.com/192.94.214.96 bytes=1005
from=<bob@clientsite.com> to=<@firewall.trusted.com:clancy@yoyodyne.com >
Oct 30 10:48:24 firewall smap[12082]: exiting host=cosmo.clientsite.com/192.94.214.96
bytes=1005
Oct 30 10:48:39 firewall sendmail[12084]: KAA12084: from=<bob@clientsite.com>, size=921,
class=0, pri=30921, nrcpts=1, msgid=<9510301544.AA04030@clientsite.com>, relay=uucp@localhost
Oct 30 10:48:39 firewall smapd[12083]: delivered file=sma012082
Oct 30 10:48:40 firewall sendmail[12086]: KAA12084:
to=<@firewall.yoyodyne.com:clancy@yoyodyne.com>, ctladdr=<bob@clientsite.COM> (6/0),
delay=00:00:01, mailer=smtp, relay=mail.yoyodyne.com. [10.0.1.126], stat=Sent (Ok)

```

Service Summary Reports

The Service Summary reports contain a concise overview of events by service. The example below shows the weekly information for TELNET activity through the firewall:

Telnet/Rlogin Proxy Usage

Top 100 telnet gateway clients (total: 308)

Connects	Host/Address	Input	Output	Total
287	dimension.yoyodyne.com/	267484	11412	278896
6	eight.yoyodyne.com/10.0	495575	2249	497824
6	jersey.yoyodyne.com/10.	291915	3608	295523
3	lizardo.yoyodyne.com/10	4204	318	4522
2	john.yoyodyne.com/10.0.	472366	4719	477085
2	planet10.yoyodyne.com/1	123	64	187
1	blaze.clientsite.com/20	169588	1473	171061
1	unknown/204.254.155.2	0	0	0

Top 100 telnet gateway clients in terms of traffic

Connects	Host/Address	Input	Output	Total
287	dimension.yoyodyne.com/	267484	11412	278896
2	john.yoyodyne.com/10.0.	472366	4719	477085

6	jersey.yoyodyne.com/10.	291915	3608	295523
6	eight.yoyodyne.com/10.0	495575	2249	497824
1	blaze.clientsite.com/20	169588	1473	171061
3	lizardo.yoyodyne.com/10	4204	318	4522
2	planet10.yoyodyne.com/1	123	64	187
1	unknown/204.254.155.2	0	0	0

Exception Reports

The Exception Reports contain a chronological summary of security alerts and potential items of interest. The example below shows the information for a fifteen-minute interval on the firewall:

Security Alerts

```
-----  
Dec 12 10:18:35 gauntlet kernel: securityalert: tcp from 10.0.1.17 on unserved port  
191  
Dec 12 10:19:13 localhost authsrv[2190]: securityalert: repeated bad auth attempts penny  
(rlogin-gw unknown/10.0.1.17)
```

Possible Items of Interest

```
-----  
Dec 12 10:16:11 localhost authsrv[2176]: BADAUTH penny (rlogin-gw unknown/10.0.1.17)  
Dec 12 10:16:13 localhost authsrv[2176]: BADAUTH root (rlogin-gw unknown/10.0.1.17)  
Dec 12 10:18:12 localhost authedit[2185]: root ENABLED USER penny  
Dec 12 10:18:52 localhost authsrv[2188]: BADAUTH penny (rlogin-gw unknown/10.0.1.17)  
Dec 12 10:18:55 localhost authsrv[2188]: BADAUTH penny (rlogin-gw unknown/10.0.1.17)  
Dec 12 10:19:03 localhost authsrv[2188]: BADAUTH nobody (rlogin-gw unknown/10.0.1.17)  
Dec 12 10:19:05 localhost authsrv[2188]: BADAUTH penny (rlogin-gw unknown/10.0.1.17)  
Dec 12 10:19:10 localhost authsrv[2190]: BADAUTH penny (rlogin-gw unknown/10.0.1.17)  
Dec 12 10:19:13 localhost authsrv[2190]: BADAUTH penny (rlogin-gw unknown/10.0.1.17)  
Dec 12 10:19:14 localhost authsrv[2190]: BADAUTH penny too many tries (rlogin-gw  
unknown/10.0.1.17)  
Dec 12 10:20:00 gauntlet kernel: uid 0 on /: file system full
```

Backups and System Integrity

Backing-Up Your Firewall

Your firewall is an integral part of your system, configured to pass traffic between your internal network and all external networks. If the hard disk crashes on the firewall, you want to restore your system as quickly as possible. Backing up your firewall is an essential administrative task.

Backup Considerations

To back up the data on your firewall, use standard IRIX backup procedures as described in the *IRIX Advanced Site and Server Administration Guide*.

In particular, you should be sure to back up the following:

- `/usr/gauntlet/cgi-data`
- `/usr/gauntlet/config`
- `/usr/etc/fw-authdb*`
- `/etc/apop.pass`
- `/etc/skeykeys`
- `/usr/gauntlet/checksums`
- `/var/adm`

Note that if you perform normal backups of the firewall system as you would any IRIX system, these files are going to be backed up, but be sure to verify that, because these are the most crucial.

Since relatively few files (except for logs) are going to change often on the firewall, incremental backups require little space; therefore frequent backups should not be a painful task.

Restoring the Firewall

You hope that you never have to restore your firewall, but you may need to. For most activities, restoring your Gauntlet firewall is much like restoring any IRIX system. You can also create your own scripts or integrate these restoration activities into your normal restore routine for other IRIX machines.

Restoring the Logs and Reports

You will generally not restore the logs and reports onto their original locations on the firewall, as this would overwrite current information with old data. You might, however, need the backup copies of logs and reports to track usage trends or look for signs of an attack. Restore the logs and information to another machine for this sort of analysis.

Verifying System Integrity

Even though you've created only one account on the firewall for the administrator, you still want to ensure that no person or process has modified your system. The Gauntlet Internet firewall is designed to make it easy to verify system integrity.

Understanding System Integrity

The Gauntlet integrity database is collection of cryptographic checksums or message digests for many files on your filesystem. The database contains a checksum for each file, using information about the file size, date, user ID, group ID, and mode. The database does not contain information about files that can change often, such as the mail spool, the log files, and system aliases. You expect these files to change, so the checksums would always be different.

The integrity database, an ASCII file, is automatically created (unless it already exists) during the weekly report.

Configuring the Files to Ignore

You can modify the list of files and directories that the scan program ignores when creating and checking databases. This allows you to ignore directories and files that you know are volatile.

To configure the files to ignore, modify the list of directories and files in */usr/gauntlet/checksums/scan.conf*.

Protecting the Integrity Database

You use the integrity database to verify that nothing has modified your system. Therefore you must protect the database itself from tampering. You can leave the database on-line. You should also copy it to removable media that you can keep off-line for safekeeping.

Store a copy of the initial integrity database created during the first weekly report with your original distribution media.

Verifying System Integrity

If you elect to receive weekly reports, you will automatically receive the results of a system integrity check. If you do not elect to receive these reports, integrity checking is not performed.

Understanding the Results

Review the changes noted in the weekly report and ensure that they are acceptable changes. For example, you may have changed the root password on the Gauntlet firewall during the past week, resulting in the report of a change in */etc/passwd*. This would be an acceptable change.

Gauntlet System Files

This chapter appendix discusses some of the files that you would normally manipulate through the GUI, and provides details on editing the network permission tables.



Warning: Unless you are quite familiar with these files, you should use the GUI and never edit these files directly. Note also that editing these files directly can effectively force you to no longer use the GUI to configure them as they will no longer be in a state and format known to the GUI.

Viewing the Gauntlet File List

If you want to see a list of the files that the Gauntlet configuration manipulates, click the *view* link in the “Managing Your Firewall” portion of the introductory form. If you do not want to use the forms-based interface, you can directly edit these files, although that is not recommended.

Table A-1 lists files that may be modified through this interface. Some of these files are safe for you to modify, as long as nobody else is also running *gauntlet-admin* at the same time. “Safe” here means that your changes will not be lost. Other files are unsafe for you to modify; “unsafe” here means that the *gauntlet-admin* interface, including the *configure_all* script,

may overwrite any changes you make. Filenames without a leading “/” are relative to the path */usr/gauntlet/*.

Table A-1 The Gauntlet File List

Filename	Safe?	Description
<i>/*/*.old.12345</i>	Yes	To save copies of certain configuration files, Gauntlet will use the convention of appending “.old.” to the filename and then the process ID of whatever Gauntlet program is actually making the change.
<i>/*/*.new.12345</i>	No	While creating new versions of configuration files, Gauntlet uses the same convention as when saving copies of configuration files. Such files should be removed by Gauntlet when it is done performing whatever task it is up to.
<i>cgi-data/*.g</i>	Yes	Stores settings from the configuration pages.
<i>config/trusted-networks</i>	Yes	Lists networks which are to be considered trusted.
<i>config/untrusted-networks</i>	Yes	Lists networks which are to be considered untrusted
<i>config/trusted-ports</i>	Yes	Lists ports on which traffic will be permitted to pass through the firewall unimpeded.

Table A-1 (continued) The Gauntlet File List

Filename	Safe?	Description
<i>config/trusted-interfaces</i>	Yes	Lists interfaces on which traffic from trusted networks will be accepted. All other packets claiming to be from trusted networks but which come in over other interfaces will be rejected.
<i>config/*.txt</i>	Yes	Text files which are displayed by the respective application proxies under certain circumstances. For example, <i>rlogin-deny.txt</i> would be displayed by the <i>rlogin</i> application proxy if access is denied.
<i>config/subdomain</i>	Yes	Subdomains which will be accepted by the firewall for mail delivery if you have selected to let Gauntlet rewrite <i>sendmail.cf</i> .
<i>config/explicit-routes</i>	Yes	Lists explicit (static) routes to be installed into the routing tables via <i>/etc/gated.conf</i> .
<i>config/frequentcheck.ignore</i>	Yes	Lists <i>egrep</i> -style regular expressions which will be used to filter the system logs. Lines which match expressions listed in this file will not be displayed in the "Possible Items of Interest" part of the Gauntlet reports.

Table A-1 (continued) The Gauntlet File List

Filename	Safe?	Description
<i>config/swipe.conf</i>	Yes[*]	Stores information about configured swIPe peers and paths. Editing this file is not recommended, although it is safe to do so, because the format of this file is obscure.
<i>config/authserver-protocols</i>	No	Lists DSO (Dynamic Shared Object) files which support additional authentication mechanisms. This will be updated by Gauntlet when you install or remove Gauntlet authentication software subsystems using <i>inst</i> .
<i>config/netperm-table</i>	No	Used by application proxies to decide whether to permit access or not. Gauntlet creates this file by performing substitutions on the file <i>/config/template.netperm-table</i> , which is safe to edit
<i>server/web_passwd</i>	No	Updated by gauntlet-admin using the password for the user gauntlet in <i>/etc/passwd</i> .

Table A-1 (continued) The Gauntlet File List

Filename	Safe?	Description
<i>/etc/ipfilterd.conf</i>	No	Configuration file for the ipfilterd daemon. Gauntlet creates this file by performing substitutions on the file <i>config/template.ipfilterd.conf</i> , which is safe to edit.
<i>/etc/gated.conf</i>	No	Configuration file for the gated routing daemon
<i>/etc/passwd</i>	Yes	System password file. Gauntlet modifies this file in several different ways: it inserts '*' into the password field for accounts which do not have a password, so that all accounts which can be used for login are passworded; it forces root to have a password; and it inserts a gauntlet user which cannot log in but whose password is used to control access to gauntlet-admin.
<i>/etc/sendmail.cf</i>	Maybe	Sendmail configuration file. It is safe to modify this file only if you have selected preserving <i>sendmail.cf</i> on the <i>sendmail</i> page.
<i>/etc/aliases</i>	Yes	Gauntlet modifies the alias for root on the firewall machine, and adds a firewalladmin alias

Table A-1 (continued) The Gauntlet File List

Filename	Safe?	Description
<i>/etc/group</i>	Yes	Gauntlet may need to add groups to this file for various application proxies.
<i>/etc/config/*</i>	[*]	Gauntlet forces certain chkconfig settings on or off. Among some of the settings are smap, sendmail, named, ipfilterd, gated, routed, outbox, and nfs.
<i>/etc/default/login</i>	Yes[*]	The “minimize_exposure” script on the initial page will adjust the variable settings in this file to make login more secure on the firewall host. Since you don’t need to run “minimize_exposure” more than once, afterwards you may tweak this file to suit your needs.
<i>/etc/inetd.conf</i>	No	Gauntlet will comment out but a few Irix-specific services which it itself needs to run.
<i>/etc/skeykeys</i>	Yes	If you add or edit a user’s authentication password, Gauntlet will invoke S/Key keyinit for you, which stores information in this file.

Table A-1 (continued) The Gauntlet File List

Filename	Safe?	Description
<i>/etc/named.boot</i>	Maybe	DNS configuration file. It is safe to modify this file only if you have selected preserving your DNS configuration on the DNS page.
<i>/tmp/retry.*</i>	Yes	Retry files are created to support data entry validation in the gauntlet-admin interface
<i>/var/named/localhost.rev</i>	Maybe	DNS configuration file. It is safe to modify this file only if you have selected preserving your DNS configuration on the DNS page.
<i>/var/named/named.hosts</i>	Maybe	DNS configuration file. It is safe to modify this file only if you have selected preserving your DNS configuration on the DNS page.
<i>/var/named/named.rev</i>	Maybe	DNS configuration file. It is safe to modify this file only if you have selected preserving your DNS configuration on the DNS page.
<i>/var/named/root.cache</i>	Maybe	DNS configuration file. It is safe to modify this file only if you have selected preserving your DNS configuration on the DNS page.

Table A-1 (continued) The Gauntlet File List

Filename	Safe?	Description
<i>/var/spool/cron/crontabs/root</i>	Yes	Gauntlet adds various jobs to run at regular intervals
<i>/usr/etc/resolv.conf</i>	Maybe	DNS configuration file. It is safe to modify this file only if you have selected preserving your DNS configuration on the DNS page.

Network Tables

The Gauntlet Internet Firewall sets up policies based on differentiating between trusted, untrusted and other networks. Consult Chapter 1 for a detailed discussion of these networks. This appendix explains the purpose, format, and precedence of the tables the Gauntlet Firewall uses to specify these networks.

Trusted Networks Table

The trusted networks table (*/usr/gauntlet/config/trusted-networks*) contains a list of all networks that the Gauntlet firewall trusts. Remember that this means that the Gauntlet firewall does not require requests from hosts on these networks to provide authentication. The proxies and other applications can trust their requests.

By default, the trusted table includes the loopback address (127.0.0.1) for the Gauntlet firewall. This indicates that the firewall trusts only itself.

Use this table to implement your basic security policy. Many policies indicate the firewall can trust hosts behind the firewall (on the inside network). In this scenario, administrators can add the addresses for their inside networks.

Untrusted Networks Table

The untrusted networks table (*/usr/gauntlet/config/untrusted-networks*) contains a list of all networks that the Gauntlet firewall does not trust. Remember that this means that the Gauntlet firewall requires requests from hosts on these networks to provide authentication. The proxies and other applications process these requests only after authenticating the user.

By default, the untrusted table includes the wildcard (*). This indicates that the firewall will accept requests from any other network after authenticating the user.

Use this table to implement your basic security policy. Some policies do not allow any outside access, while others allow access only after authentication. Other policies allow access from a limited number of IP addresses or hostnames.

Using This Information

The proxies and other Gauntlet firewall applications use the information in the trusted and untrusted network tables when determining whether or not to accept a request, and whether to authenticate the request. However, they do not read these tables directly.

Instead, an update script takes the information in the trusted and untrusted tables and creates rules in the *netperm-table*. This update script runs after you update the configuration information with “Configure All” in *gauntlet-admin*. For example, the script creates default policy rules that permit access for all networks listed in the trusted table. When the proxies start, they read these rules from the *netperm-table* file.

If you update the trusted or untrusted tables using your favorite text editor, the changes will not take effect until the next time you update your configuration using the administrative tools.

Format

The trusted and untrusted network tables contain lists of IP addresses and hostnames of networks. Use IP addresses whenever possible, as it is easy to spoof hostnames.

Each line contains a separate address or hostname in the format

address | *hostname*

where:

- *address* is the IP address of the host or network in standard dotted-octet format
- *hostname* is the name of a host or network in standard domain notation

Addresses and hostnames can contain the wildcard character (*), which matches any (or a sequence) of characters. You cannot use other regular expressions such as ? for a single character or [a-c] for several characters.

Precedence

The trusted and untrusted tables are simply lists of networks. The substitution driver reads the tables from top to bottom, creating rules for each entry.

Examples

The examples below are valid for both the trusted and untrusted network tables. This example:

10.0.1.128

matches the host whose IP address is 10.0.1.128.

This example:

192.33.*

matches any IP address in the 192.33 network.

This example:

`*.yoyodyne.com`

matches any host in the yoyodyne.com domain.

Netperm Table

The network permissions table (*/usr/gauntlet/config/netperm-table*) contains configuration information for the Gauntlet Internet Firewall. The kernel, proxies and other applications read their configuration information from this table. The rules in the table include two types of information: policy rules and application-specific rules.

Note: This structure differs from previous versions of the *netperm-table* file. The proxies and other applications still recognize *netperm-table* files from version 2.0 and higher. You may wish to convert your *netperm-table* file to the new format soon for two reasons. First, the new policy-based table is much easier to use because you can use generic rules. Second, future versions of the proxies and applications will not always support the older table format.

Remember to make a backup copy of your working *netperm-table* file before you attempt any conversions.

Note: Gauntlet uses */usr/gauntlet/config/template.netperm-table* to create (thus overwriting) */usr/gauntlet/config/netperm-table*. Any modifications you wish to be permanent must be made to the *template.netperm-table* file.

Policy Rules

Policies are collections of general configuration information. These allow you to closely map your security policy to policies for the Gauntlet Firewall. Gauntlet configuration policies often include information such as

- types of proxies that the firewall can start
- permitted (or denied) destinations for requests
- authentication requirements

The source address of the request is the basis for a policy. You define policies for a set of hosts, rather than defining rules on a proxy-by-proxy basis as in previous versions. You can easily use the same set of rules for a group of hosts by creating a generic policy describing what these hosts can and cannot do. The default Gauntlet configuration defines two policies: an inside policy and an outside policy.

The inside policy defines the general policies for requests from the inside (trusted) networks. This policy indicates that proxies can send requests to any destination. By default it permits some of the more commonly used proxies for inside requests: TELNET, rlogin, FTP, NNTP, HTTP, and X11. This policy also allows users to change their passwords for non-third party authentication systems from the inside networks.

The outside policy defines the general policies for requests from the outside (untrusted) networks. This policy indicates that proxies can send requests to any destination. By default it permits some of the more commonly used proxies for outside requests: TELNET, rlogin, FTP, NNTP, POP3, X11, and Info Server. It requires strong authentication for all outside requests with the authentication server that is on the firewall.

Notice that the outside policy does not permit the HTTP proxy, because you generally do not want people all over the Internet accessing Web servers on your internal network. It does however allow the Info Server, which allows you to run an HTTP, Gopher, or FTP server on your firewall.

Application-specific Rules

The *netperm-table* file also includes configuration information for proxies and other firewall applications. These include

- user ID and group ID under which a proxy should run
- directories which the proxies should use as their root directories
- text files that proxies should display when denying or accepting requests
- length of idle time before the proxies should terminate the connection
- more specific lists of permitted and denied destination networks for a particular proxy

Proxies

For example, the `smmap` proxy reads the *netperm-table* file and determines the user ID under which it should run and the directory into which it should place mail. The TELNET proxy reads the *netperm-table* file to determine how long a session must be idle before it should disconnect the session.

You can also include rules to permit or deny a particular service for requests to specific addresses or networks. For example, you can configure the HTTP proxy to deny requests to a particular host or network. All of the other proxies, such as the *smmapd* server, continue to use the generic policy and send information to that site, while the HTTP proxy denies requests to that site.

Because the proxies and applications read the *netperm-table* file from top to bottom, you must put proxy-specific rules before the generic policies. When the relevant proxy parses the configuration information, it uses the proxy-specific rule rather than the more general policy rule.

For example, the FTP proxy includes a generic rule that denies requests to the destination `ftp.bigu.edu`. The general outside policy, near the bottom of the *netperm-table* file includes a rule that allows all proxies and applications to send to any destination. Because the more restrictive rule is above the generic policy in the *netperm-table* file, the FTP proxy uses the restrictive rule and denies requests to `ftp.bigu.edu`.

Applications

Other Gauntlet applications such as the authentication server also read configuration information from the *netperm-table* file.

Using This Information

As part of the startup process a proxy or application reads the *netperm-table* file looking for applicable configuration rules. It parses the table from top to bottom, looking for rules that match its name. It also matches wildcard rules that apply to all applications. For example, the TELNET proxy (*tn-gw*) looks for rules that match `tn-gw` and `*`.

The proxy first uses these rules to determine if it can accept the request from the source address. It then determines whether the requested service is an explicitly permitted service. If it is not, the proxy denies the request. If it can accept the request, it uses the other rules to determine whether it needs to authenticate the request, and whether it can send the request to the specified destination. The application also finds and uses rules for that specific application.

For example, using the default outside policy, the TELNET proxy allows TELNET requests from any outside network to any destination. The proxy also uses the outside policy to determine that it needs to authenticate the user and gets information about which server it should use to authenticate the user.

Modifying the netperm Table File

Modify the `/usr/gauntlet/config/template.netperm-table` file using your favorite text editor. Be sure to make a backup copy. You do not need to restart the proxies to make the changes take effect. The proxies reread the table anytime the file date and time change.

netperm-table Syntax

Precedence

Applications and proxies read the tables from the top of the table to the bottom. They use the first rule that applies for a particular attribute. If there are multiple rules in the table that could apply for an attribute, the application uses the first one it finds. For example, suppose a *netperm-table* file contains the following rule:

```
smapd: userid uucp
```

Later in the file, it also contains this rule:

```
smapd: userid mail
```

When *smapd* parses the *netperm-table* file, it uses the first rule it finds, and runs as the user *uucp*.

Format

Each line in the *netperm-table* file contains a separate configuration rule in the format:

keyword: attribute valuelist

where

- *keyword* indicates the application to which the rule on that line applies. The wildcard (*) indicates that the rule is valid for all applications and proxies. Comma-separated lists of multiple keywords indicates that the rules apply to the proxies or applications listed. The keyword usually matches the name of the service. It can also match the value for the *-as* name flag used when starting the proxy.
- *attribute* is a configuration parameter for that application or proxy.
- *valuelist* is the value for the specific configuration parameter. Some attributes allow multiple values.

A rule must fit on a single line. The length of a line varies by operating system, but is generally around 1,024 bytes. There is no provision for continuing lines.

Whitespace and tabs are both valid separators.

Comments

A hash mark (#) at the beginning of a line indicates a comment. Applications ignore any text between the # and the end of the line.

Substitution Lines

Some lines start with `GAUNTLET_SUBSTITUTE`. *Do not* delete these lines.

Keywords

This table lists some default and common keywords for policies, proxies and other applications. You can create your own keywords. Be sure that the keyword matches the value for the `-as` name flag you used when starting any custom proxies.

Table B-1 Default and Common Keywords

Keyword	Application
authsrv	authentication server
ftp-gw	FTP proxy
gopher-gw	Gopher proxy (using the http-gw proxy)
http-gw	HTTP proxy
lp-gw	line printer proxy
netacl-fingerd	network access control proxy running finger service
netacl-ftpd	network access control proxy running FTP service
netacl-rlogind	network access control proxy running rlogin service
netacl-telnetd	network access control proxy running TELNET service
nntp-gw	NNTP news proxy (using the plug-gw proxy)
policy-inside	policy for requests from inside networks
policy-name	policy
policy-outside	policy for requests from outside networks
pop3-gw	POP3 mail proxy
rlogin-gw	Rlogin proxy
smap	SMTP mail server

Table B-1 (continued) Default and Common Keywords

Keyword	Application
smapd	SMTP mail client
tn-gw	TELNET proxy

Attributes

Attributes vary by proxy and application, though many use the same attributes. Consult the reference information at the end of this chapter for more information on applicable attributes and values.

Creating New Policies

You can create additional policies to fit your security policies for different groups of inside hosts and networks. Remember that all policies are based on the source address of the request.

Creating a new policy involves modifying the *netperm-table* file.

To create a new policy, follow these steps:

1. Add a line indicating
 - source networks that use the policy
 - the name of the policy
2. Add rules indicating which proxies this policy allows.
3. Add rules indicating permitted destinations, authentication, and logging.
4. Place the policy lines above or below the generic policies as appropriate.

For example, the generic policy for Yoyodyne uses the default Gauntlet inside policy. The security policy for Yoyodyne calls for restricting a particular group of machines (and set of addresses) to TELNET and restricting rlogin to a particular set of outside networks.

To implement this policy, you could create a more restrictive policy:

1. #define inside hosts who will use the policy
2. *: permit-hosts 204.255.154.0:255.255.255.128 -policy restrictive
3. #define the policy
4. policy-restrictive: permit-proxy tn-gw rlogin-gw
5. policy-restrictive: permit-destination 192.33.112.*
6. policy-restrictive: authenticate *
7. policy-restrictive: auth server 127.0.0.1

Line 2 indicates that all proxies and applications (*) should use the restrictive policy for requests from the designated subnet. If you specify the policy for only the TELNET (*tn-gw*) and rlogin (*rlogin-gw*) proxies instead of for all (*), all other proxies (such as the HTTP and FTP proxies) skip this policy and use another policy.

Line 4 indicates that this policy permits the TELNET and rlogin proxies. All other proxies with requests from hosts within 204.255.154.0:255.255.255.128 deny the request after parsing this line.

Line 5 indicates that these proxies can send requests to the set of destinations: 192.33.112.*. The TELNET and rlogin proxies deny requests to any other destinations after parsing this line.

Lines 6 and 7 indicate that users on these networks must authenticate with the authentication server on the firewall.

Put this policy above the inside policy so the proxies will use these rules rather than the more generous inside policy. You may also want to create a matching restrictive outside policy to restrict access from outside networks to this internal subnet.

Note that this type of policy may not prevent users on this inside network from reading news and sending e-mail. The recommended setup for the Gauntlet firewall calls for central mail and news servers on the inside networks. The news readers and mail agents on the restricted subnet communicate directly with the news and mail servers. These servers, which are not on the restricted subnet, communicate with the firewall.

If you are running mail and news servers on the firewall, this more restrictive policy denies email and news activities from the restricted subnet.

Adding Proxy Services

You can add or remove proxy services at any point as your security policies change. This section addresses the changes you must make to the *netperm-table* file to use the proxy. Consult the chapter for each proxy for more information on other configuration requirements.

To add a proxy service, follow these steps:

1. Add the name of the proxy to the permit-proxy line of the appropriate policy.
2. Add a section for proxy-specific rules above the policy sections. These can include items such as user ID, group ID, time-out, and denial messages. Consult the reference information for the proxy for information on proxy options.

For example, after careful analysis, Yoyodyne wants to add support for Quote of the Day (*qotd*) service for users on its inside networks. This involves using the proxy. First, add a line to the inside policy:

```
135    policy-inside:    permit-proxy qotd-gw
```

Then create a section above the policies in which you define the communications rules for the Quote of the Day connection:

```
95    # QotD (through plug proxy) rules
96    # -----
97    qotd-gw: port qotd * desthost qotd.bigu.edu -destport qotd
```

Denying Services By Network or Host

You can deny services to and from specific networks and hosts. You can do this for all the proxies through a policy, or for individual proxies.

Denying Access From a Host or Network

You can deny access from a particular host or network on a proxy or general basis.

Denying Access by Proxy

To deny access by proxy, add a `deny-hosts` line to the specific proxy.

For example, Yoyodyne does not want anyone on a host at Big University to have TELNET access to Yoyodyne:

```
50      tn-gw:      deny-hosts *.bigu.edu
```

Later, Yoyodyne determines they only need to deny access from the dialin machines at Big University:

```
50      tn-gw:      deny-hosts dial*.bigu.edu
```

Denying Access in General

You can also deny access from a particular host or network for all proxies and applications.

To deny access for all applications, add a `deny-hosts` line above the outside policies. Use a wildcard as the keyword to indicate that the rule applies to all policies.

You must include this rule above the policy rules. The policies are based on permitted hosts. Including the `deny-hosts` rule in a policy has no effect because the application is using the `permit-hosts` rule that defines the policy.

Note that the *smap* proxies do not use the policy rules, so you can still receive mail from the denied host or network.

For example, Yoyodyne does not want anyone or any service at Big University to communicate with Yoyodyne:

```
103     *:          deny-hosts *.bigu.edu
...
140     *:          permit-hosts * -policy outside
```

Denying Access to a Host or Network

You can deny access to a particular host or network on a proxy or general basis.

Denying Access by Proxy

To deny access by proxy:

- Add a `deny-destination` line to the specific proxy.

For example, Yoyodyne does not want anyone on the inside networks to FTP files from any hosts at Big University:

```
55      ftp-gw:      deny-destination *.bigu.edu
```

Denying Access in General

You can also deny access to a particular host or network for all proxies and applications.

To deny access for all applications:, add a `deny-destination` line to the appropriate policy.

Note that the *smap* proxies do not use the policy rules, so you can still send mail to the denied host or network.

For example, Yoyodyne does not want anyone on the inside network to communicate with Big University:

```
108     policy-inside:  deny-destination *.bigu.edu
```

Attribute Reference

Attributes vary by proxy and application, though many use the same attributes. Consult the reference information on the following pages for more information on applicable attributes and values.

The bulleted list at the top of each attribute indicates which proxies, applications, or policies can use that attribute. For example, if *tn-gw* is listed,

that indicates you can use this attribute for the TELNET proxy. If *policy-policy* is listed, that means you can use this attribute in a policy definition. All proxies that use this policy will then use this attribute. You can always use any attribute after the wildcard (*) keyword. All proxies read this rule.

authenticate

- ftp-gw
- *policy-policy*
- pop3-gw
- rlogin-gw
- tn-gw

Specifies whether or not users must authenticate when accessing these proxies. Proxies that do not support authentication ignore this setting. This option is equivalent to the *-auth* and *-authall* options in previous versions.

Syntax

```
authenticate *
```

* Provided for future extensibility.

Example

This example requires all requests from hosts on the outside network to authenticate:

```
policy-outside:      authenticate *
```

authserver

- ftp-gw
- *policy-policy*
- pop3-gw
- rlogin-gw
- tn-gw

Specifies the host running the authentication server that the proxies use for authenticating users.

Syntax

```
authserver host [port]
```

host	Specifies the host running the authentication server. Specify by IP address or hostname.
port	Specifies the port on the host that the proxies use for communicating with the authentication server.

Example

This example requires proxies to use the authentication server on the firewall itself using port 7777:

```
policy-outside:    authserver 127.0.0.1 7777
```

badadmin

- *policy-policy*
- *smapd*

Specifies the user name to which the *smapd* server forwards mail that it cannot deliver.

Syntax

```
badadmin user
```

user	Specifies the name of a user or alias.
------	--

Example

This example sends mail to the firewalladmin alias:

```
smapd:    badadmin firewalladmin
```

baddir

- *policy-policy*
- *smapd*

Specifies the directory in which the *smapd* server places any spooled mail that it cannot deliver normally.

Syntax

baddir directory

directory	Specifies the name of a directory on the same device as the spool directory. Do not include a trailing slash (/) character. Ensure that this directory has the same owner and permission as the normal directory that smapd uses.
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Example

This example places the undelivered mail in the */var/spool/smap/badmail* directory:

```
smapd:      baddir /var/spool/smap/badmail
```

client

- *lp-gw*
- *policy-policy*

Specifies the clients that can print to a particular printer queue and the commands they can execute.

Syntax

```
client clients -printer queue [ [-deny | -log] [{ lpcommands } | all] ]
```

clients	Specifies single hosts, entire networks, or subnets. Specify by IP address or hostname. The wildcard * is valid.
printer	Indicates the printer queue to which this rule applies.

queue	Specifies the name of the printer queue to which this rule applies.
deny	Indicates commands that clients cannot execute. The default allows users to issue all lp commands.
log	Indicates extended logging applies. Extended logging includes the number of bytes transferred from client to server and time duration. Extended logging does not include data transfer from server to client, as this consists mostly of acknowledgments to client's command.
lpcommands	Specifies the lp commands that the clients can issue when sending jobs through the proxy. The space between the "{" and "}" and the list entries is required. Valid keywords, which correspond to the first level lp protocol commands, are: restart, print, status_sh, status_ln, remove
all	Indicates that the deny or log command applies to all lp commands.

Example

This example allows all clients on the inside network to print to the queue `lp_sales` (on the remote server) and logs the restart and remove commands:

```
lp-gw:    client 10.0.1.* -printer lp_sales -log { restart  
remove }
```

denial-msg

- ftp-gw
- policy-policy
- rlogin-gw
- tn-gw

Specifies the file that the proxy displays when it denies access to a user because they do not have permission to use the proxy.

Syntax

`denial-msg file`

file	Specifies the name of the file the proxy displays when it denies access to a user because they do not have permission to use the proxy. If no file is specified, the proxy generates a default message.
------	---

Example

This example displays the file `/usr/local/etc/ftp-deny.txt` when the FTP proxy denies access to a user:

```
ftp-gw:      denial-msg      /usr/local/etc/ftp-deny.txt
```

denydest-msg

- ftp-gw
- policy-policy
- rlogin-gw
- tn-gw

Specifies the file that the proxy displays when it denies access to a user because they are trying to access a destination they are not permitted to access.

Syntax

`denydest-msg file`

file	Specifies the name of the file the proxy displays when it denies access to a user because they are trying to access a destination that they are not permitted to access. If no file is specified, the proxy generates a default message.
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Example

This example displays the file `/usr/local/etc/tn-denydest.txt` when the TELNET proxy denies access to a user:

```
tn-gw:      denydest-msg      /usr/local/etc/tn-denydest.txt
```

destination

- ftp-gw
- http-gw
- info-gw
- lp-gw
- netacl
- plug-gw
- policy-*policy*
- pop3-gw
- rlogin-gw
- rsh-gw
- tn-gw

Specifies destination hosts and networks permissions.

Syntax

```
[permit |deny]-destination destination-list
```

permit	Indicates hosts to which the proxies and applications can send requests.
deny	Indicates hosts to which the proxies and applications cannot send requests.
<i>destination-list</i>	Specifies single hosts, entire networks, or subnets. Specify by IP address or hostname. The wildcard * is valid. If no destination-list is specified, no destinations are valid.

Example

This example permits applications to send requests to hosts on the **192.3.4** network:

policy-restrictive: permit-destination 192.3.4.*

directory

- ftp-gw
- http-gw
- info-gw
- lp-gw
- netacl
- plug-gw
- pop3-gw
- rlogin-gw
- rsh-gw
- smap
- smapd
- tn-gw
- x-gw

Specifies the directory that the proxy makes its root directory before providing service. This option is equivalent to the *-chroot* option in previous versions.

Syntax

directory *directory*

directory	Specifies the directory that the proxy makes its root directory before providing service.
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Example

This example indicates that the *smap* and *smapd* proxies use the directory */var/spool/smap* as their root directories:

smap, smapd: directory /var/spool/smap

display

- *policy-policy*
- *x-gw*

Specifies the destination display on which applications display.

Syntax

```
display host:displaynumber.screennumber
```

host	Specifies the name of the machine to which the display is physically connected.
displaynumber	Number of the display on the machine.
screennumber	Number of the screen for the display.

Example

This example indicates that the X gateway displays all X applications on the display attached to dimension:

```
x-gw:      display          dimension:10.0
```

exec

- *netacl*

Specifies a program that the proxy invokes to handle the service. This option is equivalent to the *-exec* option in previous versions.

Syntax

```
exec program [options]
```

program	Specifies the name of the program to invoke.
options	Specifies the command line options for the program.

Example

This example indicates that the *netacl* daemon invokes the *cat* program to display the file */usr/local/etc/finger.txt* for *finger* requests:

```
netacl-fingerd:    exec    /bin/cat
                  /usr/local/etc/finger.txt
```

extended-permissions

- *policy-policy*
- *rlogin-gw*
- *rsh-gw*
- *tn-gw*

Specifies whether the proxies check for extended permissions for users as they authenticate. This option is equivalent to the *-extend* and *-extnd* options in previous versions.

Syntax

```
extended-permissions
```

Example

This example indicates that the proxies check for extended permissions when authenticating users from the outside network:

```
policy-outside:    extended-permissions
```

groupid

Specifies the group ID the proxy uses when running.

Syntax

```
groupid group
```

<code>group</code>	Specifies the name of the group as either a name or numeric id from the <i>/etc/group</i> file.
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Example

This example indicates that the Info Server runs using the group ID of uucp:

```
info-gw:      groupid      uucp
```

help-msg

- ftp-gw
- policy-*policy*
- rlogin-gw
- tn-gw

Specifies the file that the proxy displays when the user accesses the help command.

Syntax

```
help-msg file
```

file	Specifies the name of the file the proxy displays when the user accesses the help command. If no file is specified, the proxy displays a list of internal commands.
------	---

Example

This example displays the file `/usr/local/etc/rlogin-help.txt` when a user requests access from the Rlogin proxy:

```
rlogin-gw:    help-msg    /usr/local/etc/rlogin-help.txt
```

hosts

- ftp-gw
- http-gw
- info-gw
- lp-gw
- netacl

- plug-gw
- pop3-gw
- rlogin-gw
- rsh-gw
- tn-gw
- x-gw

Specifies the hosts for which the proxy uses a particular policy, or the hosts that can use the proxy. Specifies the hosts that cannot use the proxy.

Syntax

```
permit-hosts hosts -policy policy
```

```
deny-hosts hosts
```

permit	Indicates hosts for which the proxy uses a particular policy, or the hosts that can use the proxy.
deny	Indicates hosts that cannot use the proxy.
<i>hosts</i>	Specifies the hosts for which the proxy uses the particular policy. When used without the <i>-policy</i> option, indicates the hosts that can use the proxy. Specifies single hosts, entire networks, or subnets. Specify by IP address or hostname. The wildcard * is valid.
policy	Indicates the name of the policy these hosts use.
<i>policy</i>	Specifies the name of the policy.

Example

This example indicates that all requests from the network 10.0.4.* use the policy *restrictive*:

```
*: permit-hosts 10.0.4.* -policy restrictive
```

This example indicates that the host 10.0.1.12 can use the *rsh* proxy:

```
rsh-gw: permit-hosts 10.0.1.12
```

This example indicates that all the hosts on the 10.0.1.0:255.255.255.0 subnet cannot use the FTP proxy:

```
ftp-gw:          deny-hosts 10.0.1.0:255.255.255.0
```

log

- ftp-gw
- info-gw
- lp-gw
- policy-policy
- pop3-gw

Specifies that proxies log only the operations listed, rather than all operations (the default). This option is equivalent to the *-log* command in previous versions.

Syntax

```
log operations
```

<i>operations</i>	Specifies operations that the proxies log.
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Example

This example requests that the inside policy log only retrieve (RETR) and storage (STOR) activities:

```
policy-inside:  log      RETR STOR
```

maxchildren

- policy-policy
- smapd

Specifies the maximum number of child processes the *smapd* server can fork to handle mail.

Syntax

maxchildren *children*

<i>children</i>	Specifies the maximum number of child processes the <i>smapd</i> server can fork to handle mail.
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Example

This example indicates that the *smapd* server can fork no more than 20 children:

```
smapd:      maxchildren      20
```

password change

- *policy-policy*
- *rlogin-gw*
- *tn-gw*

Specifies password change options for allowing users to change passwords in authentication management system from within the TELNET and Rlogin proxies.

Syntax

```
[permit | deny]-password change
```

permit	Indicates hosts from which users can change their passwords. This is equivalent to the <i>-passok</i> option in previous versions
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deny	Indicates hosts from which users cannot change their passwords. Including a <i>deny-password</i> change rule has the same effect as not including those hosts in a <i>permit-password</i> change rule.
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Example

This example allows users on the inside network to change their passwords from both the TELNET and Rlogin proxies:

```
policy-inside:      permit-password change
```

This example allows users to change their passwords using the TELNET proxy. If this is the only permit-password change rule in the *netperm-table* file, users can only change their password from the TELNET proxy (not from the Rlogin proxy).

```
tn-gw:      permit-password change
```

pop-server

- *policy-policy*
- *pop3-gw*

Specifies the name of the machine on which the POP3 server is running. This option is required for the POP3 proxy.

Syntax

```
pop-server host
```

<i>host</i>	Specifies the name of the host on which the POP3 server is running. Specify by IP address or hostname.
-------------	--

Example

This example indicates that the POP3 proxy accesses the POP3 server running on the inside mail hub, mail:

```
pop3-gw:    pop-server      mail
```

port

- *plug-gw*

Specifies the connection rule for this instance of the plug proxy, including the hosts and the ports.

Syntax

```
port port hosts desthost hosts [privport *] [destport port]
```

port	Indicates the port on which the plug proxy runs.
<i>ports</i>	Specifies the name or port number, as specified in <i>/etc/services</i> .
<i>hosts</i>	Specifies hosts from which connections can originate. Specifies single hosts, entire networks, or subnets. Specify by IP address or hostname. The wildcard * is valid
desthost	Indicates hosts to which the plug proxy connects.
<i>hosts</i>	Specifies single hosts, entire networks, or subnets. Specify by IP address or hostname. The wildcard * is valid
privport	Indicates that the proxy uses a reserved port number when connecting.
*	Provided for future extensibility.
destport	Indicates the port on which the plug proxy connects on the remote host.
<i>port</i>	Specifies the name or port number, as specified in <i>/etc/services</i> .

Example

This example creates allows a plug proxy rule for a Quote of the Day server (running as *qotd-gw*) which allows all hosts to connect to the Quote of the Day server at Big University on the *qotd* port:

```
qotd-gw: port qotd * desthost qotd.bigu.edu -destport qotd
```

printer

- lp-gw
- policy-policy

Specifies a mapping from a client's queue name to a server's host and queue

Syntax

```
printer clientqueues -host server -printer serverqueue
```

printer	Indicates the printer for which these rules apply.
<i>clientqueues</i>	Specifies the names of client print queues.
host	Indicates the server on which the remote printer queue is.
<i>server</i>	Specifies the name of the host on which the remote printer queue runs.
printer	Indicates the printer queue name.
<i>serverqueue</i>	Specifies the name of the remote printer queue to which proxy sends the print jobs. If server queue is not specified, the client's queue name will be used as server queue name.

Example

This example maps the printer queue remote to the queue lp3, which is running on blaze.clientsite.com:

```
lp-gw: printer remote -host blaze.clientsite.com  
-printer lp3
```

prompt

- *policy-policy*
- *rlogin-gw*
- *tn-gw*
- *x-gw*

Specifies the prompt the TELNET and Rlogin proxies use in command mode.

Syntax

```
prompt prompt
```

<i>prompt</i>	Specifies a string that the proxy displays in command mode. Quotes are not required, but are recommended for strings that include spaces.
----------------------	---

Example

This example indicates that the TELNET proxy displays the prompt

```
Yoyodyne TELNET proxy> :
```

```
tn-gw:      prompt      "Yoyodyne TELNET proxy> "
```

proxy

- *policy-policy*

Specifies proxy permissions.

Syntax

```
[permit | deny]-proxy proxy-list
```

<i>permit</i>	Indicates proxies that this policy allows to run.
<i>deny</i>	Indicates hosts that this policy does not allow to run. Including a <i>deny-proxy</i> rule has the same effect as not including those proxies in a <i>permit-proxy</i> rule.
<i>proxy-list</i>	Specifies the name of the proxy. This name must match the name specified on the command line to start the proxy. If the proxy was started using a <i>-as</i> flag, use that name here.

Examples

This example allows the FTP and HTTP proxies to run:

```
policy-restrictive:      permit-proxy ftp-gw http-gw
```

This example allows a plug proxy configured for webster traffic to run:

```
policy-restrictive:      permit-proxy webster
```

sendmail

- *smapd*

Specifies an alternate path for *sendmail*, or another mail delivery program you are using to deliver your mail inside your perimeter.

Syntax

`sendmail program`

<i>program</i>	Specifies an alternate path for the <i>sendmail</i> executable or other program you are using to deliver mail.
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Example

This example indicates that the *smapd* server uses the *sendmail* executable in */usr/sbin/sendmail*:

```
smapd:      sendmail      /usr/sbin/sendmail
```

timeout

- ftp-gw
- http-gw
- info-gw
- lp-gw
- netacl
- plug-gw
- policy-*policy*
- pop3-gw
- rlogin-gw
- rsh-gw
- smap
- smapd
- tn-gw
- x-gw

Specifies the amount of time the proxy is idle (with no network activity) before disconnecting.

Syntax

`timeout seconds`

<i>seconds</i>	Specifies the number of seconds the proxy is idle before disconnecting.
----------------	---

Example

This example indicates that the inside policy allows 1800 seconds (30 minutes) of idle time before the proxies disconnect:

```
policy-inside:    timeout    1800
```

url-filter

- http-gw
- policy-policy

Specifies characters that you do not want to see in a URL.

Syntax

`url-filter filterlist`

<i>urlfilter</i>	Specifies an url-encoded string of characters that you do not want to see in a URL. Consult the HTML RFC, or other HTML specification document for lists of url-encoded characters.
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Example

This example indicates that you do not want to see the carriage return/line feed pair in any URLs:

```
http-gw:    url-filter    %0D%0A
```

userid

- ftp-gw
- http-gw
- info-gw

- lp-gw
- netacl
- plug-gw
- policy-*policy*
- pop3-gw
- rlogin-gw
- rsh-gw
- smap
- smapd
- tn-gw
- x-gw

Specifies the user ID the proxy uses when running. This option is equivalent to the `-user` command in previous versions.

Syntax

```
userid user
```

<i>user</i>	Specifies the user as either a name or numeric ID from the <code>/etc/passwd</code> file.
-------------	---

Example

This example indicates that the `smap` and `smapd` processes run as the `uucp`:

```
smap, smapd:      userid      uucp
```

wakeup

- smapd

Specifies the amount of time that the `smapd` server sleeps between scans of the spool directory for undelivered mail.

Syntax

wakeup *seconds*

<i>seconds</i>	Specifies the number of seconds that the <i>smacd</i> server sleeps between scans of the spool directory. If no value is specified, <i>smacd</i> uses a default value of 60 seconds.
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Example

This example indicates that the *smacd* server sleeps for 120 seconds between scans:

```
smacd:      wakeup          120
```

welcome-msg

- ftp-gw
- policy-policy
- rlogin-gw
- tn-gw

Specifies the file that the proxy displays as a welcome banner upon successful connection to the proxy.

Syntax

welcome-msg *file*

<i>file</i>	Specifies the name of the file the proxy displays as a welcome banner upon successful connection to the proxy. If no file is specified, the proxy generates a default message.
-------------	--

Example

This example displays the file */usr/local/etc/tn-welcome.txt* when a user successfully connects to the TELNET proxy:

```
tn-gw:      welcome-msg     /usr/local/etc/tn-welcome.txt
```

xforwarder

- *policy-policy*
- *rlogin-gw*
- *tn-gw*

Specifies the location of the executable to which the TELNET and Rlogin proxies pass requests for the X proxy. Generally specifies the location of the X proxy.

Syntax

```
xforwarder program
```

<i>program</i>	Specifies the location of the executable to which the TELNET and Rlogin proxies pass requests for the X proxy.
----------------	--

Example

This example indicates that the TELNET and Rlogin proxies use the standard X proxy for requests from the inside network:

```
policy-inside:      xforwarder      /usr/local/etc/x-gw
```

xgateway

- *policy-policy*
- *rlogin-gw*
- *tn-gw*

Specifies X11 proxy permissions.

Syntax

Appendix B: Netperm Table

[permit | deny]-xgateway *

permit	Indicates that the TELNET and Rlogin proxies can accept requests to start the X11 proxy.
deny	Indicates that the TELNET and Rlogin proxies do not accept requests to start the X11 proxy.
*	Provided for future extensibility.

Example

This example allows the hosts on the inside network to start the X11 proxy:

```
policy-inside:          permit-xgateway *
```

Virtual Private Networks

This appendix explains how you can use your Gauntlet Internet Firewall to exchange encrypted traffic with other Gauntlet Firewalls.

Note: This feature is only available in the United States domestic version of the Gauntlet product.

Packets on the Internet flow through a variety of wires and fibers owned and managed by a variety of organizations. The opportunities for someone or something to monitor these packets are large.

The Gauntlet Internet Firewall can be used to create a Virtual Private Network (VPN). This VPN uses encryption to allow secure communication between various points within this network.

Understanding Virtual Private Networks

When using a single firewall, the defense perimeter includes the network of machines that sit behind the firewall, inside the perimeter. Communication with any other machines or networks outside the perimeter is over some untrusted network, such as the Internet. A Virtual Private Network extends the defense perimeter to include other networks and machines.

For example, Yoyodyne has offices in Maryland and California, each protected by a Gauntlet Internet Firewall. When they communicate, it is via the Internet. Yoyodyne can create a VPN and extend the defense perimeter from its corporate headquarters in Maryland to include the network of machines behind the defense perimeter in its California office, as shown in Figure C-1.

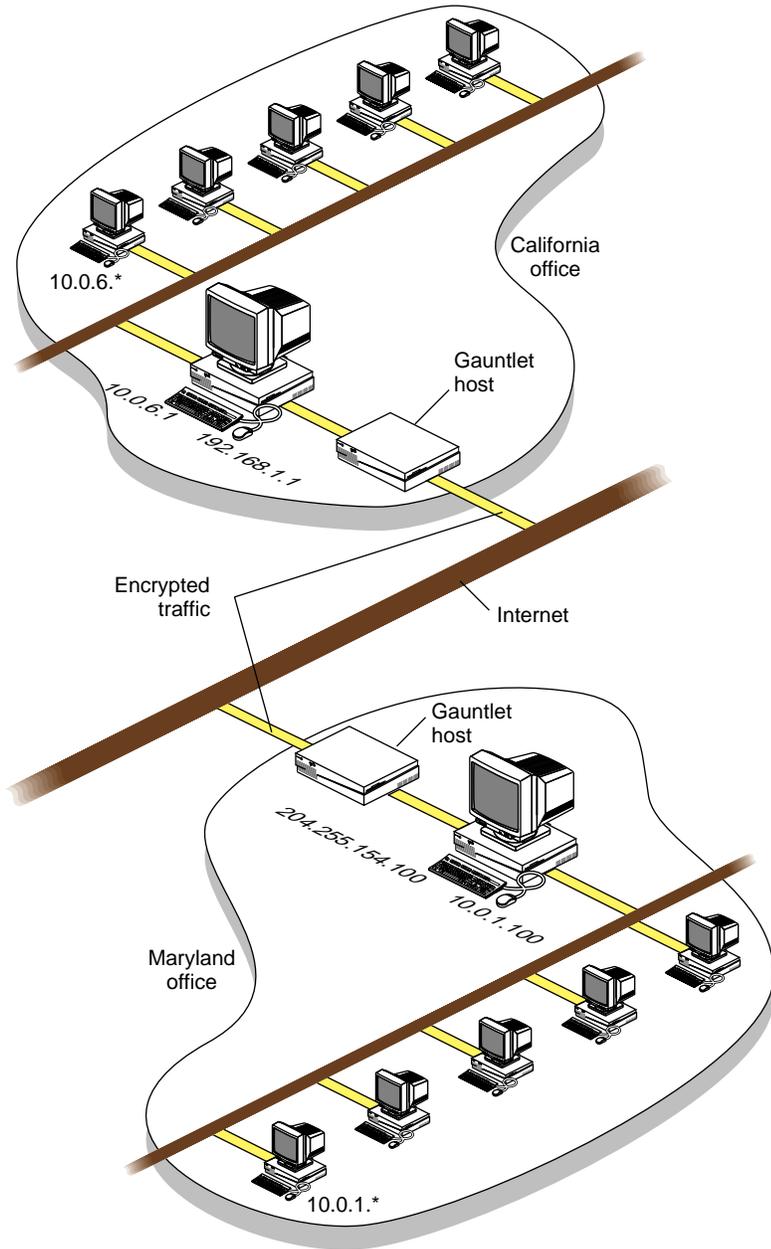


Figure C-1 Yoyodyne Virtual Private Network

A VPN is considered private because all of the traffic that passes through the firewall to another part of the virtual private network, is encrypted. Any program watching the packets flow by would simply see a stream of encrypted data. Without the key used to encrypt the data, snoopers cannot make much use of the information. Because the remote host or network shares a key with the firewall, it can decrypt and process the encrypted packets that it receives. In Figure C-1, all traffic between the firewall in the Maryland office and the firewall in the California office passing over the Internet is encrypted.

A VPN is considered a virtual network because you are extending the network from the machines that are physically within the defense perimeter to include other machines or networks that are not.

Privacy With Trust

A VPN with trust expands the concept of trust (as in trusted networks) to include not only the machines within your defense perimeter but also all of the machines within the remote defense perimeter. For all intents and purposes, all of these machines are part of the same network within the same defense perimeter. Any activities that you allow within your network can be used with machines on the remote network.

For example, Yoyodyne allows users in the Maryland office to use the network time protocol (NTP) within the network to set the clocks on their machines. If Yoyodyne sets up a VPN with the California office using privacy with trust, they can now use *ntp* with machines in the California office.

A VPN also allows any IP services you desire to pass between the two firewalls. The services simply need to be IP based. You can allow applications that use the user datagram protocol (UDP) or the transmission control protocol (TCP). You do not need an application proxy.

In addition to sharing a defense perimeter against the rest of the world, sites that create a VPN must share the security perimeter in other ways. These sites should share the same policies, procedures and administrative control. If the security policy for the Maryland office does not allow TELNET from remote locations, then the security policy for the California office should match this. If they differ, someone can simply come in through the California

office and then connect directly to a machine in the Maryland office, which is part of the same VPN.

How it Works

The Firewall handles VPNs at the routing layer. The exact sequence of events varies depending on whether there is privacy with trust, or just privacy.

When the firewall receives a packet from its internal network, part of the normal routing procedure includes examining the destination of the packet. The routing process checks its tables for routing instructions to the remote destination. These tables indicate that any packets destined for the remote network should go through the swIPe interface (sw0) on the firewall.

The swIPe driver uses the Data Encryption Standard (DES) to encrypt the data using the key provided for this VPN during firewall-to-firewall configuration. The new packet contains encrypted data and a header that indicates this is a special encrypted protocol. The firewall then sends the encrypted packets across the Internet (or other untrusted network) to the firewall for the remote network.

When the remote firewall receives the packet on its outside interface, the routing layer recognizes this as an encrypted packet because of the special protocol. It checks its routing information to determine how to route this packet. This information indicates that the firewall should route any packets with this special protocol through the swIPe driver.

The swIPe driver decrypts the data using the same key used to encrypt the data. The swIPe driver passes the now decrypted data back to the routing layer. The routing layer now handles the packet as it would handle any other packet that it receives on the outside interface.

If the VPN between the two networks uses privacy and trust, the routing layer forwards the packet on to the appropriate host on the inside network. If the VPN between the two networks uses just privacy with no trust, the routing layer hands the packet to the appropriate service or proxy. The proxies treat this packet as they would any other packet from any other untrusted network.

Configuring Network Services

You do not need to modify the IRIX configuration files on the firewall to support encrypted traffic. This is a standard service, included in the default versions of these configuration files on the Gauntlet Firewall.

Prepare for configuration by performing the following steps:

1. Ensure that your firewall is working as you would like before you add another network to create a VPN.
2. Determine whether you wish to use privacy with trust or just privacy.
3. Coordinate your efforts with the administrator of the remote network. Discuss your security policies and procedures. Prepare to synchronize the firewalls as you configure them.

Configuring the Firewall

Perform the following process while the administrator of the remote network does the same at their site. It is important that both firewalls are configured at the same time because the encrypted packets must stay synchronized. The link does not work unless both ends have the same keys. Both firewalls discard any packets that unexpectedly arrive encrypted.

Configure the firewall with information about the local and remote networks to create the VPN using the *gauntlet-admin* interface as follows:

1. Access the swIPe Configuration form.
2. Edit the swIPe Peers section by selecting the *Add* button and then:
 - adding the IP address for the peer
 - select the authentication and encryption options
 - create keys for traffic to and from the peer
3. Enter the swIPe Paths section by selecting the *Add* button and then:
 - enter the local network address that will be the local part of your VPN
 - enter the remote network address that is to be the remote portion of your VPN

- select the IP address of the peer you added in step 2.
4. Repeat step 3 for additional networks that are behind the remote defense perimeter that you wish to add to your VPN.
 5. Coordinate your configuration with the administrator of the remote network. Ensure that each firewall has the same encryption key for your VPN.
 6. Reboot your firewall at the same time the remote administrator reboots their firewall.

Verifying your Setup

If you are using a VPN with privacy and trust, issue the *ping* command to ensure that packets are flowing properly (*ping* uses ICMP packets and ICMP is built on IP.) Issue the *ping* command from a host within the local network (not the firewall) to a host within the remote network. For example, the Yoyodyne administrator in Maryland *pings* the mail hub on the California office network.

Glossary

address scanning

Searching network address space via DNS inverse queries.

address spoofing

A host purporting to be another (usually trusted) host.

administrator

The individual responsible for a system or network or systems. The firewall administrator is responsible for the firewall.

application gateway

A protocol-specific data forwarder.

APOP

A version of Post Office Protocol (POP) that uses non-reusable passwords for authentication.

ARP

Address Resolution Protocol. Allows a host to find the physical address of a target host on the same physical network, given only the target's IP address. The protocol is used to dynamically bind an IP Address to a physical hardware address. The use of ARP is restricted to a single physical network and is limited to networks that support hardware broadcast.

authentication

Method to guarantee that the sender of information is who the sender purports to be.

bastion host

A secure computer that forms part of a security firewall and runs applications that communicate with computers outside an organization

BIND

Berkeley Internet Name Domain. In UNIX, DNS is implemented by the BIND.

BSD

Berkeley Software Distribution of UNIX

cache

A portion of memory or storage that contains a “quick reference” to recently used information.

CERT

Computer Emergency Response Team

CGI

Common Gateway Interface. The piece of HTTP that specifies how user information is communicated to the server and from it to external programs.

chroot

The chroot mechanism allows a program to irreversibly change its view of the filesystem by changing the where the root of the filesystem is. When a program chroots to a particular portion of a given filesystem, that portion becomes the whole filesystem and, in effect, the rest of the filesystem ceases to exist, from the program's point of view (see chroot(1M)).

circuit level gateway

A protocol gateway for a specific service type.

connection laundering

A (usually) FTP or gopher request initiated by an untrusted client that appears to come from a trusted server.

defense perimeter

The mechanisms used to protect a network of machines.

denial of service

An attack that is aimed entirely at preventing use of your own equipment.

DES

Data Encryption Standard. The most widely used symmetric cryptosystem.

DNS

Domain Name System. The on-line distributed database system used to map human-readable machine names into IP addresses. DNS servers throughout the Internet implement a hierarchical namespace that allows sites to assign machine names and addresses.

domain

A part of the DNS naming hierarchy. Domain names consist of a sequence of names (labels) separated by periods (dots).

DSS

Digital Signature Standard. A mechanism for identifying a message source.

dual-homed

A dual-homed host has two network interfaces, hence addresses and acts as a router between the subnetworks to which those interfaces are attached.

encryption

A mechanism for changing the appearance of data. Encryption allows the creation of secure connections over insecure channels. Encrypting network traffic provides both privacy and authentication

finger

A service that looks up information about a user who has an account on the machine being queried. It tells whether or not that user is currently logged into the machine and may include the person's real name, login, phone number, office location, and other information.

firewall

A configuration of routers and networks placed between an organization's internal internet and a connection to an external internet to provide security.

ftp

File Transfer Protocol. The TCP/IP standard, high-level protocol for file transfer from one machine to another. FTP uses TCP.

ftpd

FTP daemon. One of the programs that implements ftp.

gated

Gateway Daemon. A program run on a host or router that collects routing information from within one autonomous system and advertises the information to another autonomous system.

gateway

Dedicated host that connects two different services or applications (an e-mail gateway).

group

A collection of users with a common security concern.

hardened

An analogy indicating that an operating system or application has been modified to eliminate elements that make it vulnerable to failure.

HTML

HyperText Meta Language. The language used to implement network resource pages.

HTTP

HyperText Transfer Protocol. The primary application protocol that underlies the World Wide Web.

inetd

The program that listens for requests for services specified in the */etc/inetd.conf* configuration file. When it hears such a request, it starts the proper server to process the request.

inside network

The network of machines protected by the firewall (inside the defense perimeter).

IP Address

Internet address. A 32-bit integer address assigned to each host on the

Internet.

ISS

(Internet Security Scanner) When ISS is run from another system and directed at your system, it probes your system for software bugs and configuration errors commonly exploited by crackers.

mail exchanger

A host that accepts e-mail; some mail exchangers forward the mail to other hosts. DNS has a separate address type for mail exchangers (MX records).

mail exploder

Part of an electronic mail system that accepts a piece of mail and a list of addresses as input and sends a copy of the message to each address on the list.

mail gateway

A host that connects to two or more dissimilar electronic mail systems and transfers mail messages among them

man in the middle

A forgery attack that depends on being able to carry out a complete conversation while claiming to be trusted host to both the sender and the receiver.

MD4, MD5

Message Digest Function 4 or 5. Both are secure hash functions.

mrouted

Multicast ROUTE Daemon. A program used with a multicast kernel to establish multicast routing.

name resolution

The process of mapping a name into a corresponding address. The domain name system provides a mechanism for naming hosts in which programs use remote name servers to resolve a hostname into an IP address.

netac1

A program that provides the capability of a TCP Wrapper.

netperm table

The network permissions table that contains Gauntlet configuration information used by the kernel, proxies, and other applications. The configuration information is in the form of policy or application rules.

NFS

Network File System. A protocol developed by Sun Microsystems, Inc., that uses IP to allow a set of cooperating computers to access each other's filesystems as if they were local.

NIC

Network Information Center.

outside network

The network of machines not protected by the firewall (outside the defense perimeter). When a firewall protects a network connected to the Internet, the outside network is the rest of the Internet.

packet filter

A method to select or deselect traffic from given network addresses.

packet filtering gateway

A system that gateways protocols using simple packet content rules.

PEM

Privacy Enhanced Mail. A protocol for encrypting e-mail.

PGP

Pretty Good Privacy. A popular encryption method.

ping

Packet InterNet Groper. The name of a program used with TCP/IP internets to test reachability of destinations by sending them an ICMP echo request and waiting for a reply.

plug gateway

A general purpose program implemented as a proxy which allows data to flow from an inside host to an outside host.

POP

Post Office Protocol. A client-server protocol for handling user electronic mailboxes. The user's mailbox is kept on the server, rather than on the user's personal machine.

port

A specific pathway for data and control information.

port scanning

To probe given ports to determine what type of data or control information is normally passed via the given ports.

PPP

Point to Point Protocol. A protocol for framing IP across a serial line. A more recent protocol than SLIP.

promiscuous mode

Most Ethernet and token ring interfaces can operate in this mode to view all packets on an ethernet or token ring.

protocol

A formal description of message formats and the rules that must be followed to exchange those messages.

proxy

Specialized applications or programs that run on a firewall host. These programs take users' requests for Internet services (such as FTP and Telnet) and forward them according to the site's security policy. Proxies are replacements for actual services and serve as application-level gateways to the services.

proxy ARP

The technique in which a host or router answers ARP requests intended for another by supplying its own physical address. The purpose is to allow a site to use a single IP network address with multiple physical networks.

public key encryption

An encryption technique that generates encryption keys in pairs. One of the pair, used to decrypt, is kept secret, and the other, used to encrypt, is

published.

RARP

Reverse Address Resolution Protocol. The TCP/IP protocol a disk-less machine uses at startup to find its IP address.

redirect (ICMP)

An ICMP message sent from a router to a host on a local network to instruct the host to change a route.

RFC

Request for Comments. An Internet document that proposes specific protocols.

rlogin

Remote LOGIN. The remote login protocol developed for UNIX by Berkeley. rlogin offers a service similar to TELNET.

routed

Route Daemon. A program devised for UNIX that implements the RIP protocol. Pronounced "route dee".

router

A special purpose, dedicated machine that attaches to two or more networks and forwards packets from one to the other. An IP router forwards IP datagrams among the networks to which it is connected. An IP router uses the destination address on the datagram to choose the next hop to which it forwards a datagram.

S/Key

A one-time password mechanism which allows a system to reliably authenticate a user. The S/Key encodes each key into a series of short words, so they are easier for a user to read and type, rather than generating random characters.

screening router

The type of router used in a packet filtering firewall.

security perimeter

The mechanisms used to protect a network of machines.

SLIP

Serial Line IP. A framing protocol used to send IP across a serial line. SLIP is popular when sending IP over dialup phone lines but has been largely replaced by PPP.

smap

A small program intended solely to handle incoming SMTP connections. The relative simplicity of smap allows it to be easily examined and considered in its entirety for security problems.

smapd

A second program which is invoked regularly (typically once a minute) to process the files queued in the queue directory, normally by handing them to Sendmail for delivery.

SMTP

Simple Mail Transfer Protocol. The TCP/IP standard protocol for transferring electronic mail messages from one host to another. SMTP specifies how two hosts interact and the format of control messages they exchange to transfer mail.

SNMP

Simple Network Monitoring Protocol. A standard protocol used to monitor hosts, routers, and the networks to which they attach.

SOA

Start of Authority. A keyword used with DNS to denote the beginning of those records for which a particular server is the authority

socket

The abstraction provided by the UNIX operating system that allows an application program to access the TCP/IP protocols.

SOCKS

The SOCKS package is an example of the type of proxy system that requires custom clients

source route

A route that is determined by the source. In IP, a source route consists of a list of routers a datagram should visit; the route is specified as an IP option. Source routing is most often used for debugging but should be rejected by most hosts.

spoofing

When an IP packet is manipulated to appear to come from a local, trusted location when it in fact comes from an untrusted network.

Ssh

Secure shell remote login program.

strong authentication system

A system for verifying users which uses one-time, non-reusable passwords.

subnet

The portion of an IP address can be locally modified by using host address bits as additional network address bits. These newly designated network bits define a network within the larger network.

subnet addressing

An extension of the IP addressing scheme that allows a site to use a single IP network address for multiple physical networks by dividing the destination address into a network portion and local portion.

TCP/IP

Transmission Control Protocol and the Internet Protocol refers to an entire suite of data communications protocols.

TCP wrapper

The TCP Wrapper package monitors incoming network traffic and controls network activity. It is a simple but effective piece of publicly available software set up to run whenever certain ports (corresponding to certain services) are connected.

transparency

A method for providing network access through a firewall without user interaction with the firewall. Access that is allowed at a site is done invisibly

to the user.

trusted network

The network of machines protected by the firewall.

UDP

User Datagram Protocol. The TCP/IP standard protocol that allows an application program on one host to send a datagram to an application program on another. UDP uses IP to deliver datagrams but UDP includes a protocol port number, allowing the sender to distinguish among application programs on a given remote host.

untrusted network

The network of machines not protected by the firewall, but from which the firewall accepts requests.

URL

(Uniform Resource Locator) A string that gives the location of a information. The string begins with a protocol type (e.g., FTP, HTTP) followed by the domain name of a server and the path name to a file on that server.

WAIS

Wide Area Information Servers. An information service in which a user submits a query, and a WAIS server sends back a list of the documents containing those words, along with a score for each document.

virtual network perimeter

See virtual private network.

virtual private network

A physically disparate set of networks that share a common security perimeter through secured internetwork communication.

well-known port

Any of a set of protocol port numbers assigned for specific uses by transport level protocols (i.e., SMTP and UDP). Each server listens at a well-known port, so clients can locate it.

WWW

World Wide Web. The large-scale information service that allows a user to browse information. WWW offers a hypermedia system that can store information as text, graphics, audio, and so on.

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