

## iptables "cheat sheet" - For your convenience!

General command syntax:

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iptables command CHAIN options action
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### Commands:

- L → List all currently inserted rules
- F / --flush → Delete all rules currently inserted
- A → "Append": add a rule to a specific chain

### Chains:

- INPUT → Chain for packets targeted to your machine
- FORWARD → Chain for packets that your machine will route
- OUTPUT → Chain for packets that your machine sends out

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--policy CHAIN DROP/ACCEPT → Set default behaviour for a chain
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### Options:

- d / -s → Filter by destination/source IPs
- p TCP → Filter TCP packets
  - dport / --sport #/name → Filter by port # (or service, such as http, ssh...)
  - tcp-flags ALL FLAG → Filter by flag. ALL means "inspect all packets", substitute FLAG with the flag you want to filter

- m MODULE → Load an extension (for this lab: string/state)
- string "pattern" → Match "pattern" in packets
  - algo bm → Use Boyer-Moore for pattern matching
- state OPTION → Filter by connection state. Can be NEW, RELATED, ESTABLISHED or INVALID

### Actions:

- j DROP/ACCEPT → Action to take on matched packets

