



Getting Started PowerSC Trusted Firewall

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Abstract

- LPAR to LPAR network traffic over the VIOS Trusted Firewall remains internal to a host while still preserving strong isolation & separation of LPARs on different VLANs
- This is going to
 - Boost network speed
 - Reduce latency
 - Allow internal VLAN multi-tiered applications
 - Reduce the load on external devices so they performance better too
- This session tells you
 - How to get started
 - Setting filter rules
 - How to test it in a stand alone test environment before roll-out

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Highlights

- Simplify security management and compliance measurement
- Reduce administration costs of meeting compliance regulations
- Ensure virtualized environments meet same security levels as physical servers
- Improve the audit capabilities for virtualized systems
- Reduce time and skills required for preparation of security audits
- Improve detection of security exposures in virtualized environments

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Are you Vulnerable?

- Try a complimentary Security Health Scan to know for sure
- Take a holistic approach to business-driven security (2.4KB)

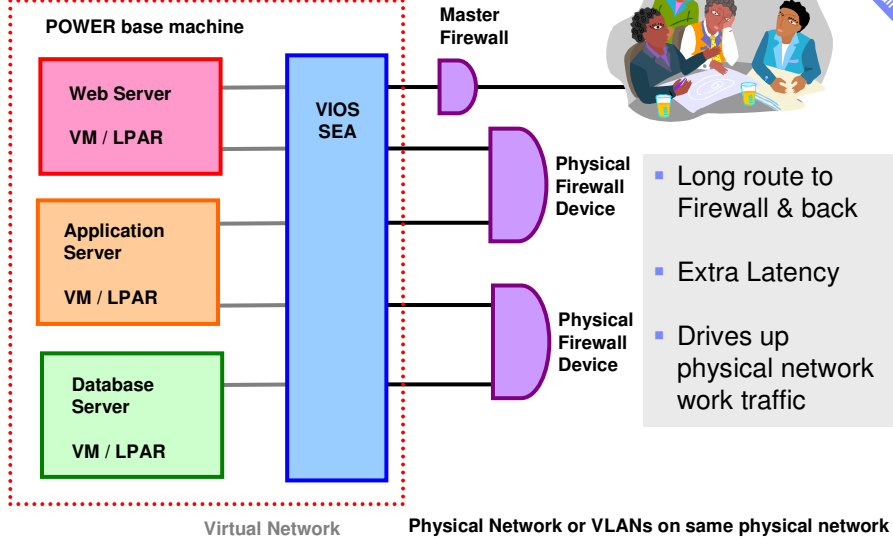
Trusted Firewall Pre-Requisites

- Virtual I/O Server 2.2.1.4 (manual says 6.1S ops!)
- Any supported OS as it is internal to VIOS
- PowerSC Documentation page 16 -22
 - http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/aix/v6r1/topic/com.ibm.aix.powersc/powersc_pdf.pdf
- VIOS Documentation page 150 , 202
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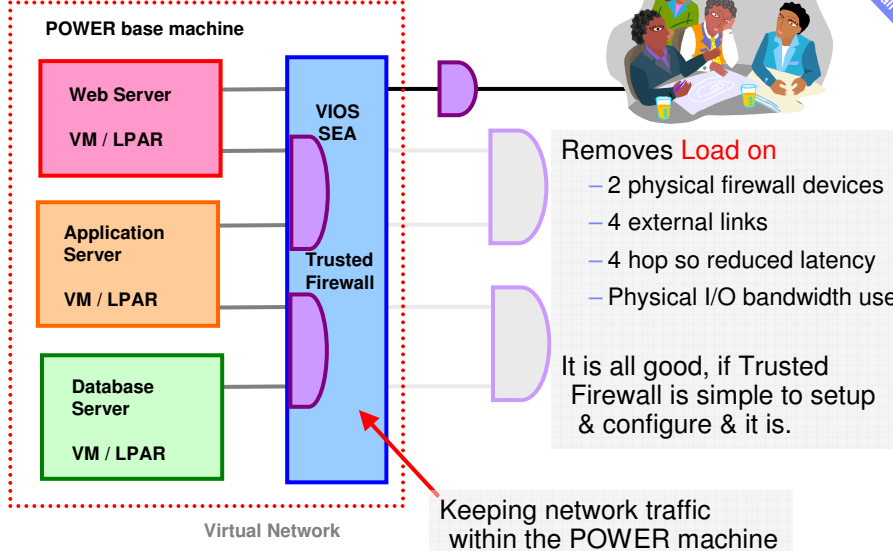


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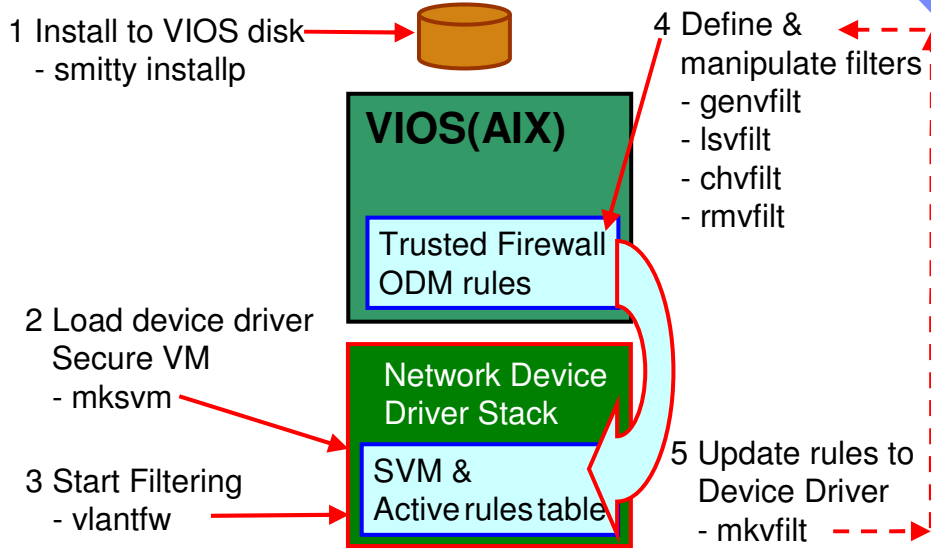
The Problem



The Trusted Firewall Solution



Five stages to get the Firewall configured



1 On the VIOS as root user (oem_setup_env)

- Everything is configured in the VIOS
 - Supports all POWER OS: IBM i, Linux & AIX
- Install the PowerSC 1.1.1 May 2012 package
 - powerscStd.svm = PowerSC Standard Edition Secure Virtual machine

```

Install Software
-----
Type:
Pr |          SOFTWARE to install
-----
[T] Move cursor to desired item and press F7. Use arrow keys to scroll.
*   ONE OR MORE items can be selected.
*   Press Enter AFTER making all selections.

[MORE...8]
@ 1.1.0.0 ICE Express Security Extension
powerscStd.license                               ALL
+ 6.1.7.0 PowerSC Standard Edition
> powerscStd.svm                                  ALL
+ 1.1.1.0 Secure Virtual Machine

[MORE...8]
[M]
F1=Help          F2=Refresh        F3=Cancel
F1| F7=Select     F8=Image         F10=Exit
F5| Enter=Do     /=Find           n=Find Next
F9|
    
```

2 Initialize the SVM driver

- Start the Security Virtual Machine device driver
 - As padmin

```
$ mksvm
```

```
$
```

- Check it is running

```
$ lsdev | grep svm
```

```
svm    Available Security Virtual Machine Device
```

- For reference only, to remove it later:

```
$ rmdev -dev svm
```

3 Trusted Firewall Control - Startup

vlantfw

- s Starts the Firewall
- t sTops the Firewall
- d Displays the IP mapping
- f Flushes (clears) the IP mappings (rediscover with -d option)
- q Queries the Firewall status

```
$ vlantfw -s
```

```
$ vlantfw -d
```

```
vlantfw: /dev/svm dump dynamic learning IP and MAC: count: 3
0:vid:100 pvidflag:0 addr:9.2.2.2      mac: 26:e1:8a:f9:38:2
1:vid:137 pvidflag:1 addr:9.137.62.53 mac: 26:e1:84:ad:70:2
2:vid:200 pvidflag:0 addr:9.3.3.3     mac: 26:e1:81:32:a:2
```

```
$ vlantfw -q
```

```
vlantfw: TFW=True capability=4
```

Can take a few seconds to discover everything so rerun after a minute

Very helpful list of VLANs

Mysterious but a good sign

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The rest of Trusted Firewall is all down to the filter rules

Firewalls for Non-network Guru's

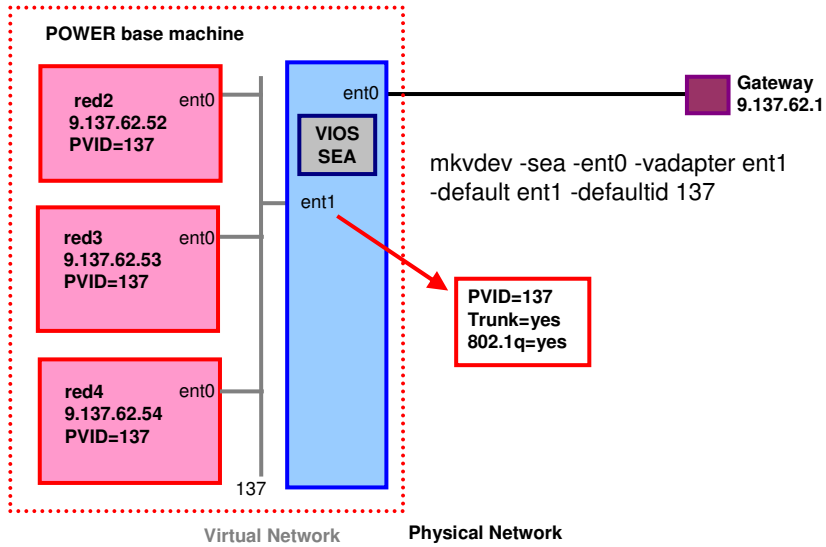
General Firewall

- A Firewall is like a network bridge/router with multiple networks (or VLANs) except nothing is allowed between networks unless a filter rule says it's OK

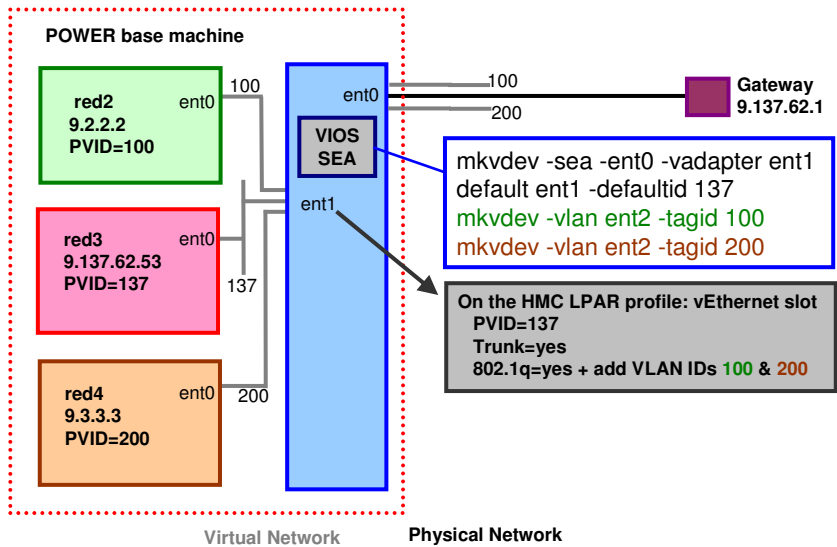
VIOS Trusted Firewall

- By default the VIOS level Trusted Firewall will not internally route/bridge the packet unless it has a rule that permits it
- If no rule, the packet is placed on the external network and higher level external router/gateway/firewall to forward or drop packets
- It is common practice to have multiple layers of firewalls

Working simple single VLAN



Two VLANs to test PowerSC Trusted Firewall



First thing you notice is

- AIX takes 20+ minutes to boot (red2 and red4)
 - I think this is a legal problem where AIX has to send a packet for licensing reasons & it eventually times out
 - Been like this for 20 years

- Fix
 - Switch off DNS: `mv /etc/resolv.conf /etc/resolv.save`
 - Remove NFS: `rmnfs -B`
 - Switch off NIM client: `mv /etc/niminfo /etc/niminfo.save`

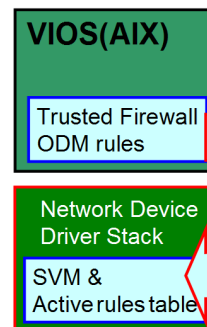
- Reboot now in 90 seconds

VLAN-crossing filter commands Overview

1. **mkvfilt** ← **don't forget this one**
 - Make active the ODM rules = updates the kernel rules
2. **rmvfilt**
 - Removes the filter rules
3. **lsvfilt**
 - Lists the filter rules & status
4. **chvfilt**
 - Changes a filter rule
5. **genvfilt**
 - Adds filter rules between VMs / LPARs on the same server
 - Complicated

1 mkvfilt syntax – make active filters

- `mkvfilt -u`
 - Only one mandatory (IMHO pointless) option
 - Activates the current ODM VLAN-crossing filter rules
 - i.e. updates the Kernel rules table from the ODM!
- Very easy to forget to do this after making filter changes

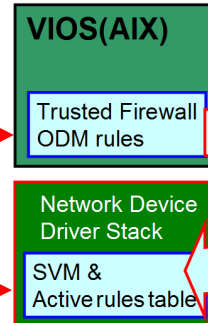


2 rmvfilt syntax – remove filter rules

- `rmvfilt -n all`
 - Removes all ODM the filter rules
 - It appears to delete these from the kernel too
 - → Undocumented but useful
- `rmvfilt -n rule-number`
 - **DOES NOT WORK !!**
 - So use a script to add the rules as you have to remove all and reapply the rules you still want!

3 Isvfilter syntax – list filters

- Isvfilter
 - List the rules from the ODM rules
 - = not necessarily all active
- Isvfilter -a
 - List the active rules in the kernel = the ones in-use
 - -a = active



Isvfilter output with No Rules

```

$ Isvfilter
Entered open routine
Entered open routine for TFW DB
Created ODM class
Beginning of filter rules.
number of filters in ODM is 1
Filter ID :0
Filter Action :1
Source VLANID :-1
Destination VLANID :-1
Source Address :0.0.0.0
Destination Address :0.0.0.0
Source Port Operation :any
Source Port :0
Destination Port Operation :any
Destination Port :0
Protocol :0
End of filter rules.
  
```

← Please, ignore this fluff

Apparently, the ODM needs at least 1 record
So this is a rule that could block everything
It is not actually used & can't be deleted
QED Ignore this rule

Other rules allow specific packets

-1 & most zeros have special meanings like:

- IP Address: 0.0.0.0 means any IP address
- Port: 0 means any port number
- Protocol: 0 means all protocols

4 chvfilt syntax – change filter rules

- I can't see the point & my head hurts thinking about it
- Fix your script of rules then remove all and rerun
- Syntax is exactly like genfilt but you also specify the rule you want to change with: -n rule-number
- So not covered here

5 genfilt - perhaps meaning generate VLAN filter

- genfilt
 - v 4 | 6
 - a D | P
 - z VLANID source
 - Z VLANID target
 - s sourceIPaddress
 - t targetIPaddress
 - o lt|gt|eq|any
 - p NNN
 - O lt|gt|eq|any
 - P NNN
 - c udp|icmp|icmpv6|tcp|any

Ek!!

genfilt - perhaps meaning generate filter!

- genfilt

- v 4 | 6 → IP version 4 or IP version 6
- a D | P → Deny (block) or Permit traffic
- z VLANID source
- Z VLANID target
- s source-IP-address
- d destination-IP-address
- o lt|gt|eq|any
- p NNN → source port number
- O lt|gt|eq|any
- P NNN → target port number
- c udp|icmp|icmpv6|tcp|any

These four options are mandatory

Limit to specific IP addresses

Limit to specific ports=services or ranges

Limit the protocol used

- AIX Standard Port Number are in /etc/services

Filter Rules by example



Anything between the two VLANs

```
$ genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 100 -Z 200  
$ mkvfilt -u  
$ lsvfilt -a
```

```
...  
Filter ID :1  
Filter Action :1  
Source VLANID :100      → from VLAN 100  
Destination VLANID :200 → to   VLAN 200  
Source Address :0.0.0.0  → any IP  
Destination Address :0.0.0.0 → any IP  
Source Port Operation :any → any port  
Source Port :0          → Not applicable  
Destination Port Operation :any → any port  
Destination Port :0     → Not applicable  
Protocol :0            → all
```

Also allowed in the
200 to 100 direction
as no other options



Anything between the two IP Addresses ONLY

```
$ genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 100 -Z 200 -s 9.2.2.2 -d 9.3.3.3  
$ mkvfilt -u  
$ lsvfilt -a
```

```
...  
Filter ID :1  
Filter Action :1  
Source VLANID :100      → from VLAN 100  
Destination VLANID :200 → to   VLAN 200  
Source Address :9.2.2.2  → red2  
Destination Address :9.3.3.3 → red4  
Source Port Operation :any → any port  
Source Port :0          → Not applicable  
Destination Port Operation :any → any port  
Destination Port :0     → Not applicable  
Protocol :0            → all
```

Also allowed in the
200 to 100 direction
as no other options



Warning: telnet is inherently insecure

telnet (port 23) only between any IP Address

```
$ genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 100 -Z 200 -o any -p 0 -O eq -P 23 -c tcp
$ mkvfilt -u
$ lsvfilt -a
...
Filter ID :1
Filter Action :1
Source VLANID :100      → from VLAN 100
Destination VLANID :200 → to   VLAN 200
Source Address :0.0.0.0  → any IP
Destination Address :0.0.0.0 → any IP
Source Port Operation :any → any port number
Source Port :0          → Not applicable
Destination Port Operation :eq → only port number equal to
Destination Port :23    → telnet see /etc/services
Protocol :6             → TCP
```

**telnet destination is port 23 so -O eq -p 23
but
source port is random so -o any -p 0**



Only one direction = need 2nd rule with 100 & 200 swapped

Warning: ftp is inherently insecure

ftp (port 21) only between two IP Address only

```
$ genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 100 -Z 200 -s 9.2.2.2 -d 9.3.3.3 ...
-o any -p 0 -O eq -P 21 -c any
$ mkvfilt -u
$ lsvfilt -a
...
Filter ID :1
Filter Action :1
Source VLANID :100      → from VLAN 100
Destination VLANID :200 → to   VLAN 200
Source Address :9.2.2.2  → specific IP
Destination Address :9.3.3.1 → specific IP
Source Port Operation :any → only port number equal to
Source Port :0          → Not Applicable
Destination Port Operation :eq → only port number equal to
Destination Port :21    → telnet see /etc/services
Protocol :6             → TCP
```

**ftp destination is port 21 so -O eq -p 21
but
source port is random so -o any -p 0**



Only one direction = need 2nd rule with VLAN & IP Addresses swapped

ftp both directions two IP Address only

To ftp red 2 to red 4

```
$ genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 100 -Z 200 -s 9.2.2.2 -d 9.3.3.3 ...
-o any -p 0 -O eq -P 21 -c any
```

From VLAN=100 & IP=9.2.2.2 to VLAN=200 & IP 9.3.3.3

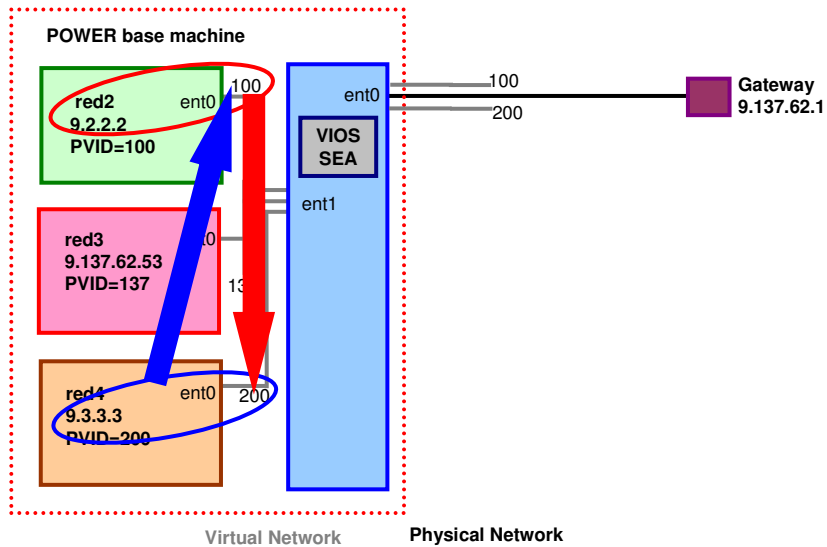
To ftp red4 to red2

```
$ genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 200 -Z 100 -s 9.3.3.3 -d 9.2.2.2 ...
-o any -p 0 -O eq -P 21 -c any
```

From VLAN=200 & IP=9.3.3.3 to VLAN=100 & IP 9.2.2.2



Two VLANs to test PowerSC Trusted Firewall



How to allow ping only to everywhere ?

```
$ genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 100 -Z 200 -c icmp
▪ Every one knows ping is ICMP, right !
$ mkvfilt -u
$ lsvfilt -a
...
Filter ID :1
Filter Action :1
Source VLANID :100      → from VLAN 100
Destination VLANID :200 → to   VLAN 200
Source Address :0.0.0.0 → any IP
Destination Address :0.0.0.0 → any IP
Source Port Operation :any → Not applicable
Source Port :0          → Not applicable
Destination Port Operation :any → Not applicable
Destination Port :0     → Not applicable
Protocol :1            → ICMP = ping
```



Specifying Port numbers or ranges

- -o and -O the values mean
- lt "less than" → useful for ranges
- gt "greater than" → useful for ranges
- eq "equal" → most used option
- any "all" → not going to be very secure!



Can also use port ranges

- Lower ports numbers are system ones
- Applications use 1000+
- So you might allow a port range 4000 to 4500
- `genvfilt -v 4 -a P ... -o gt -p 3999`
but that means anything above 4000 like 999999
- So need to deny large port numbers with:
- `genvfilt -v 4 -a D ... -o lt -p 4501`
- Here -a D means deny



In practice

- Allowing everything means no extra security
- Allowing particular host to host limits visibly only
so hidden hosts are more secure-ish
- Limiting only certain ports = much higher security
especially stopping telnet & ftp
- Only allowed ports can be used for hack attempts
- Limiting ports & hosts & and direction = Very Good
 - You may end up with a long list of rules
 - Use a script

Isvfilt output for different genvfilt -c options

- Protocol
 - 0 = any
 - 1 = icmp
 - 6 = tcp
 - 17 = udp
 - ? = icmpv6 [I don't use IPv6 so I can't find out]

From the genvfilt manual page:
`genvfilt -v4 -a P -z 100 -Z 200 -o It -p 345 -O It -P 345 -c tcp`

- IP version 4
- Permanent
- Source VLAN 100
- Target VLAN 200
- Source ports less than 345
- Target ports less than 345
- TCP protocol

- /etc/services contains the port numbers
the less than 345 port was chosen totally randomly!



From the PowerSC documentation

Note: Removing the SEA before removing the SVM can result in system failure!

- “System” here means VIOS
- So:
 - `rmvfilt -n all` ← remove all filters
 - `mkvfilt -u` ← activate no filters
 - `vlantfw -t` ← stop the firewall
 - `rmdev -dev svm` ← remove the device driver
- Now remove the SEA as normal
 - `rmtcpip` ← remove network IP + host etc
 - `lsdev | grep ent` ← find SEA
 - `rmdev -dev entX` ← remove it



PowerSC Trusted Firewall Cheat Sheet



All commands on the VIOS

Install powerscStd.svm

- `$ mksvm` ← add device driver
- `$ lsdev | grep svm`
- `$ rmdev -dev svm`

Start Firewall

- `vlantfw -s` to start (`-t =stop`, `-d =display` `-f =flush`)

Firewall Rules

- `mkvfilt -u` ← Update kernel tables (after every ODM update)
- `lsvfilt` ← List filter rules (`-a` for kernel rules)
- `chvfilt` ← Changes a filter rule
- `rmvfilt -n all` ← removes all rules

genvfilt

- Add filter rules
- Allow everything VLAN to VLAN
 - `genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 100 -Z 200`
- Allow everything host to host
 - `genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 100 -Z 200 -s 9.2.2.2 -d 9.3.3.3`
- Enable telnet (ssh port=22)
 - `genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 100 -Z 200 -o any -p 0 -O eq -P 23 -c tcp`
 - `genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 200 -Z 100 -o any -p 0 -O eq -P 23 -c tcp`
- Enable ftp (sftp port=115)
 - `genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 100 -Z 200 -s 9.2.2.2 -d 9.3.3.3 -o any -p 0 -O eq -P 21 -c any`
 - `genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 200 -Z 100 -s 9.3.3.3 -d 9.2.2.2 -o any -p 0 -O eq -P 21 -c any`
- Enable ping everything everywhere
 - `genvfilt -v 4 -a P -z 100 -Z 200 -c icmp`

USE A SCRIPT

Trusted Firewall Summary

1. Simple to implement & understand
2. All the work is in the rules
3. Drastic reduction in complexity
4. Better network performance
5. Shame about the horrible command names!