

# Stop SSH brute force attacks

## Stop ssh brute force attack using SuSEfirewall

Edit /etc/sysconfig/SuSEfirewall2:

do not open ssh ports here

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FW_SERVICES_EXT_TCP=""
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FW_CONFIGURATIONS_EXT=""
```

add this rule

```
FW_SERVICES_ACCEPT_EXT="0.0.0.0/0,tcp,22,,hitcount=3,blockseconds=60,recentname=ssh"
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Restart firewall:

```
rcSuSEfirewall2 restart
```

Now attacker will just have three attempts to break in.

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