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# Building Effective Firewalls with MikroTik

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# Background

- **Rick Frey**
  - 20+ years in IT & Communication Industries
  - Designed and implemented a wide array of networks all of the world
  - Introduced to the MikroTik product line in 2008
  - Areas of Focus:
    - Wireless services integration
    - ISP Solutions
  - Certifications
    - Certified –MTCNA, MTCRE, MTCTCE, MTCWE

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# Objectives

- Provide answers to the most commonly asked questions about using the MikroTik firewall
  - Tips & Tricks that are best practice for all firewalling scenarios
  - How can I implement Whitelists/ Blacklists?
  - How do I block one host from another? How about one subnet from another?
  - How do I block a host by their MAC address?
  - How do I block Facebook & other websites?
  - What is the Layer 7 section & does it do anything?

# Downloads Available

- SSID = FW Presentation
- Browse to <\\172.16.250.1\pub>
- Downloads:
  - APNIC Reserved IP Addresses.rsc
  - Block by Country Worksheet.xlsx
  - Block\_Country\_By\_Subnet\_Example.rsc
  - L7\_Pattern\_Matcher\_from\_MikroTik.rsc
  - RWF\_Firewall\_3.0.rsc

# Objectives

- Tips & Tricks to Make the Firewall More Useful
  - Blocking countries by IP address
  - Useful ports to be aware of
  - Open DNS

# Best Practice Firewalling Tips & Tricks

The image shows two overlapping windows from Mikrotik WinBox. The top window is the 'Firewall' configuration window, displaying a list of 26 firewall rules. The bottom window is the 'Web Proxy Access' configuration window, displaying a list of 3116 proxy access rules.

**Firewall Rules Table:**

#	Action	Chain	Src. Address	Dst. Address	Proto...	Src. Port	Dst. Port	In. Inter...	Out. Int...	Bytes	Packets	Comment
0	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop Invalid Connections
1	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop Invalid Connections
2	acc...	input								0 B	0	Accept Exempt IP Addresses
3	acc...	forward								0 B	0	Accept Exempt IP Addresses
4	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (Manually Added)
5	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (Manually Added)
6	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (SSH)
7	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (SSH)
8	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (Telnet)
9	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (Telnet)
10	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (Winbox)
11	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (Winbox)
12	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Port Scanner List
13	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Port Scanner List
14	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Port Scanner List
15	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Port Scanner List
16	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Port Scanner List
17	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Port Scanner List
18	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Port Scanner List
19	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Port Scanner List
20	acc...	output								0 B	0	Accept Exempt IP Addresses
21	jump	input								0 B	0	Jump to Chain
22	add...	IPA SSH Chain			6 (tcp)					0 B	0	Add to Chain
23	add...	IPA SSH Chain			6 (tcp)					0 B	0	Add to Chain
24	add...	IPA SSH Chain			6 (tcp)					0 B	0	Add to Chain
25	add...	IPA SSH Chain			6 (tcp)					0 B	0	Add to Chain

**Web Proxy Access Rules Table:**

#	Src. Address	Dst. Address	Dst. Port	Dst. Host	Path	Method	Action	Redirect To
2...				coachoutletonlinestore.com			deny	
2...				www.cobrageneral.ru			deny	
2...				cobrageneral.ru			deny	
2...				www.cocktails-heute.com			deny	
2...				cocktails-heute.com			deny	
2...				www.cocktails-ideen.de			deny	
2...				cocktails-ideen.de			deny	
2...				www.cocktails-rezepte.net			deny	
2...				cocktails-rezepte.net			deny	
2...				code.ignphrases.com			deny	
2...				codec.ninoa.com			deny	
2...				codec4you.com			deny	
2...				www.codec4you.com			deny	
2...				www.codecadult18.com			deny	
2...				codecadult18.com			deny	

**Web Proxy Settings:**

- General tab selected
- Status:  Enabled
- Src. Address: [Dropdown]
- Port: 8080
- Buttons: OK, Cancel, Apply, Clear Cache

# Best Practice Firewalling Tips & Tricks

- Keep all related firewall rules grouped together
- **Add comments to every single rule**
- Use user defined chains & ghosted “accept” rules to organize
- Always make sure you have a way into your router
- Test all rules before you start dropping traffic
- Use “Safe Mode” every time!



# Firewalling Basics With RouterOS

The screenshot shows the Mikrotik WinBox interface for configuring Firewall Rules. The top bar indicates the user is 'admin@172.16.250.1 (Gateway Router) - WinBox v6.2 on RB951-2n (mipsbe)'. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like 'Quick Set', 'Interfaces', 'Wireless', 'Bridge', 'PPP', 'Switch', 'Mesh', 'IP', 'MPLS', 'Routing', 'System', 'Queues', 'Files', 'Log', 'Radius', 'Tools', 'New Terminal', 'MetaROUTER', 'Partition', 'Make Supout.tif', 'Manual', and 'Exit'. The main window displays the 'Fire-wall' configuration page with tabs for 'Filter Rules', 'NAT', 'Mangle', 'Service Ports', 'Connections', 'Address Lists', and 'Layer7 Protocols'. Below the tabs are buttons for '+', '-', 'check', 'X', 'filter', 'Reset Counters', and 'Reset All Counters'. A search bar is also present. The main area contains a table of firewall rules:

#	Action	Chain	Src. Address	Dst. Address	Proto...	Src. Port	Dst. Port	In. Inter...	Out. Int...	Bytes	Packets	Comment
0	drop	input								12.9 KiB	221	Drop Invalid Connections
1	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop Invalid Connections
2	accept	input								0 B	0	Accept Exempt IP Addresses
3	accept	forward								0 B	0	Accept Exempt IP Addresses
4	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (Manually Added)
5	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (Manually Added)
6	drop	input								684 B	12	Drop anyone in the Black List (SSH)
7	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (SSH)
8	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (Telnet)
9	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (Telnet)
10	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (Winbox)
11	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (Winbox)
12	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Port Scanner List
13	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Port Scanner List
14	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Port Scanner List
15	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Port Scanner List
16	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop anyone in the Black List (High Connections)
17	drop	input								0 B	0	Drop all Bogons
18	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop all Bogons
19	drop	forward								0 B	0	Drop all P2P
20	accept	output								0 B	0	Section Break
21	jump	input								1053.3 KiB	14 929	Jump to RWF SSH Chain
22	add	RWF SSH Chain			6 (tcp)		22			60 B	1	Transfer repeated attempts from SSH Stage 3 to Black-List
23	add	RWF SSH Chain			6 (tcp)		22			120 B	2	Add successive attempts to SSH Stage 3
24	add	RWF SSH Chain			6 (tcp)		22			180 B	3	Add successive attempts to SSH Stage 2
25	add	RWF SSH Chain			6 (tcp)		22			240 B	4	Add initial attempt to SSH Stage 1 List
26	log	RWF SSH Chain								60 B	1	Log Black Listed IPs
27	return	RWF SSH Chain								1053.3 KiB	14 929	Return From RWF SSH Chain
28	accept	output								0 B	0	Section Break
29	jump	input								1053.3 KiB	14 929	Jump to RWF Telnet Chain
30	add	RWF Telnet Chain			6 (tcp)		23			0 B	0	Transfer repeated attempts from Telnet Stage 3 to Black-List
31	add	RWF Telnet Chain			6 (tcp)		23			0 B	0	Add successive attempts to Telnet Stage 3
32	add	RWF Telnet Chain			6 (tcp)		23			0 B	0	Add successive attempts to Telnet Stage 2
33	add	RWF Telnet Chain			6 (tcp)		23			52 B	1	Add Initial attempt to Telnet Stage 1
34	log	RWF Telnet Chain								0 B	0	Log Black Listed IPs
35	return	RWF Telnet Chain								1053.3 KiB	14 929	Return From RWF Telnet Chain
36	accept	output								0 B	0	Section Break

# Whitelists/ Blacklists

Start by creating an allowed access list on open ports

[example: ssh (port 22) and winbox (port 8291) are open]

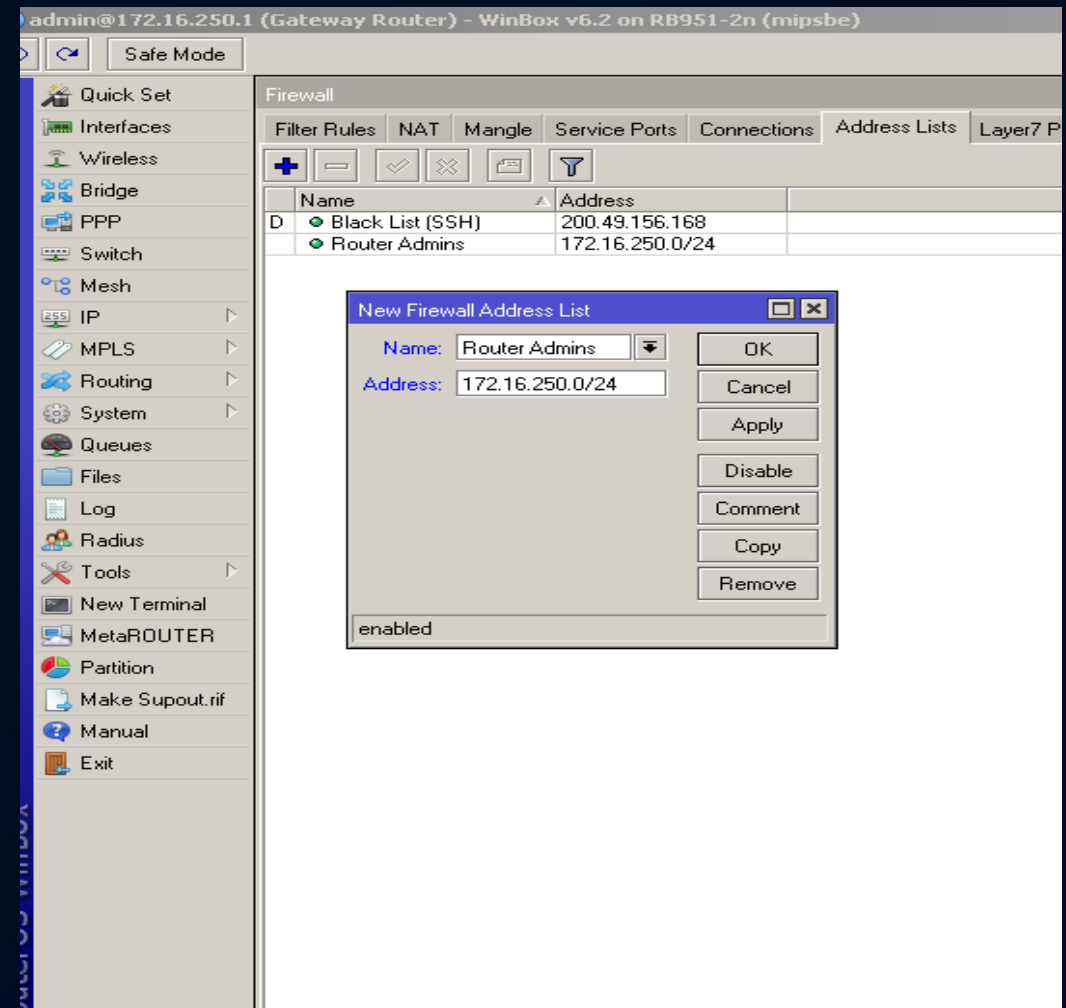
```
/ip firewall filter
```

```
add chain=input dst-address=172.16.250.1 dst-port=22,8291 protocol=tcp \  
src-address-list="Router Admins"
```

#	Action	Chain	Src. Address	Dst. Address	Proto...	Src. Port	Dst. Port	In. Inter...	Out. Int...	Bytes	Packets	Cor
0	✓ acc...	input		172.16.250.1	6 (tcp)		22,8291			208.3 KiB	1 070	

# Whitelists/ Blacklists

- Now we create the “Router Admins” list
- By having this processed 1<sup>st</sup> we help ensure that we stay connected to the router
- This simple rule is useful for all firewalling scenarios

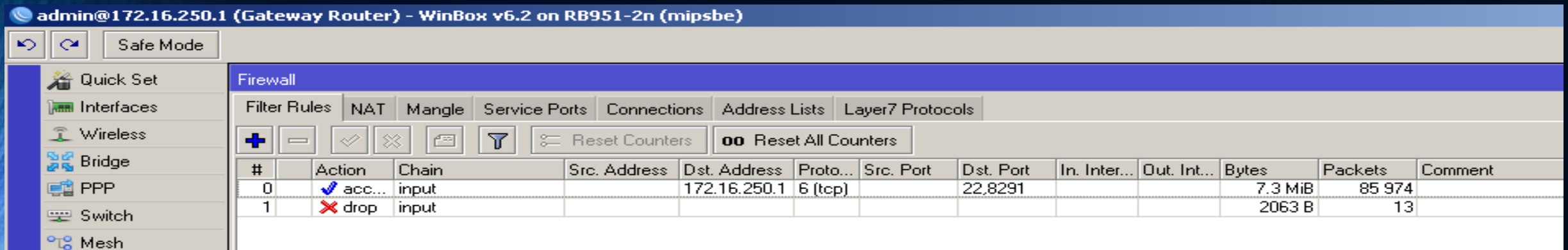


# Whitelists/ Blacklists

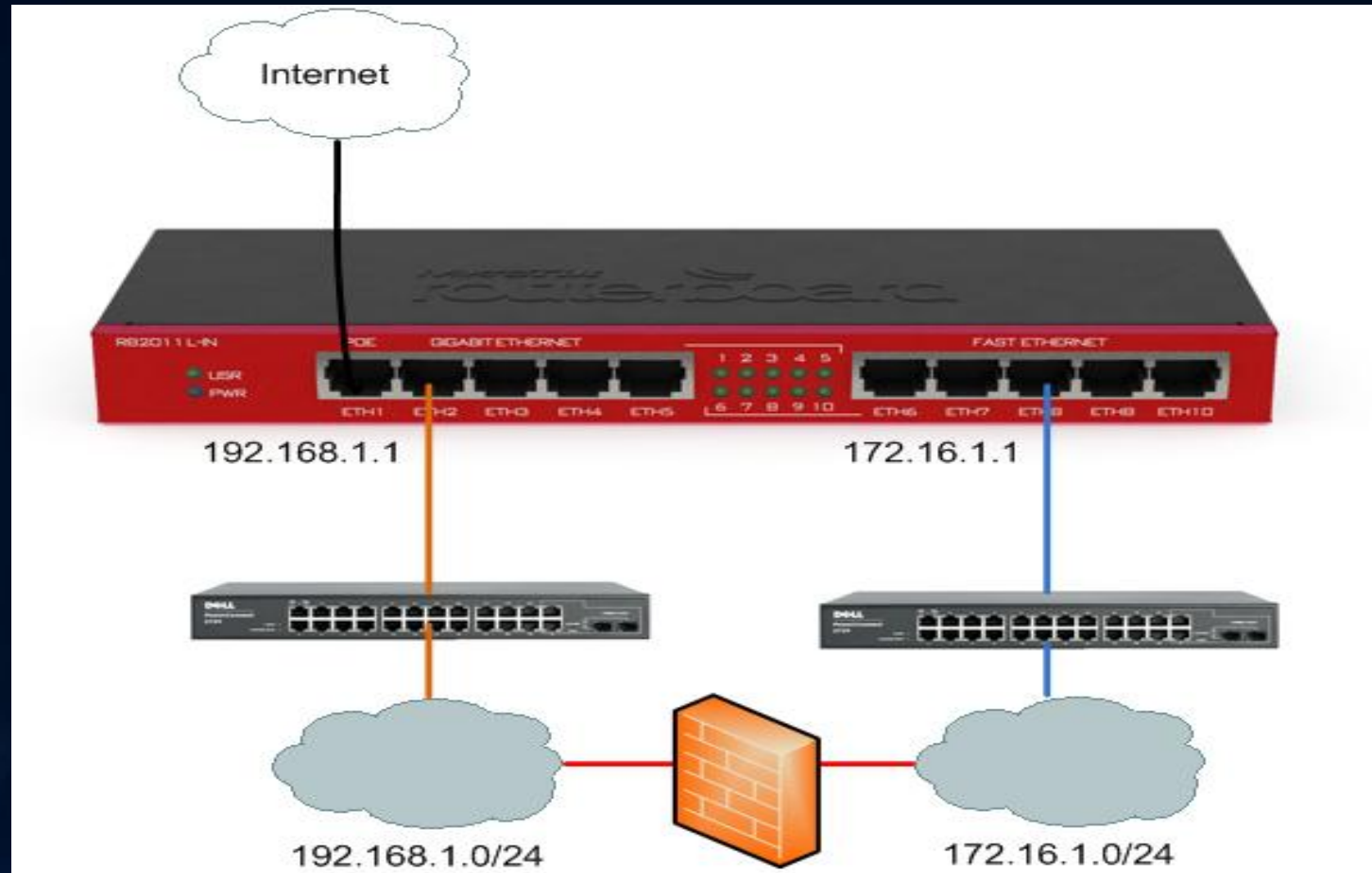
Now even if we create a drop that says, "Drop Everything" we are still able to connect to the router

```
/ip firewall filter
```

```
add action=drop chain=input
```



# How to Block Hosts/ Subnets



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```
/ip firewall filter
```

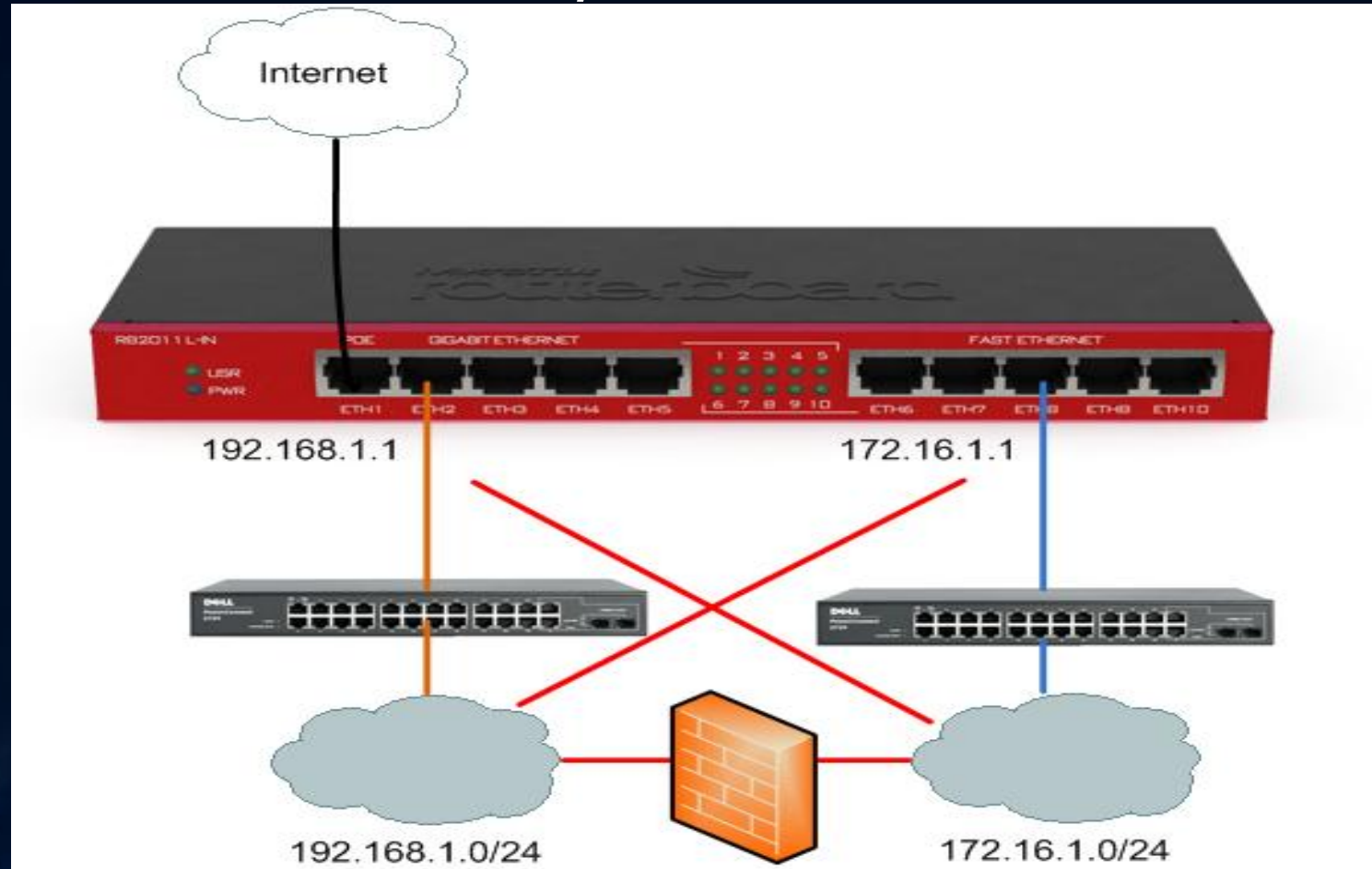
```
add action=drop chain=forward dst-address=172.16.1.0/24 src-address=\  
192.168.1.0/24
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```
add action=drop chain=input dst-address=172.16.1.0/24 src-address=\  
192.168.1.0/24
```

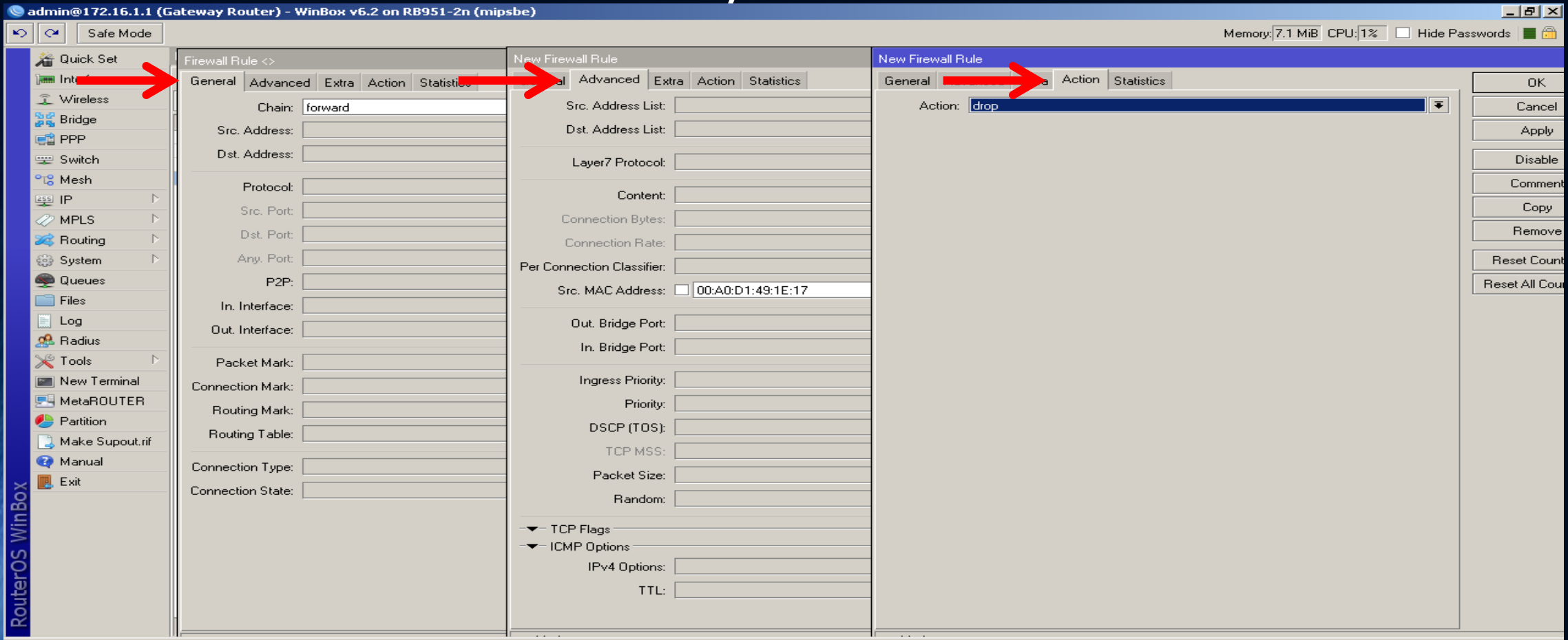
```
add action=drop chain=input dst-address=192.168.1.0/24 src-address=\  
172.16.1.0/24
```

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rule blocks the hosts talking to the hosts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prevent the hosts from communicating on the opposite gateway addresses

# How to Block Hosts/ Subnets

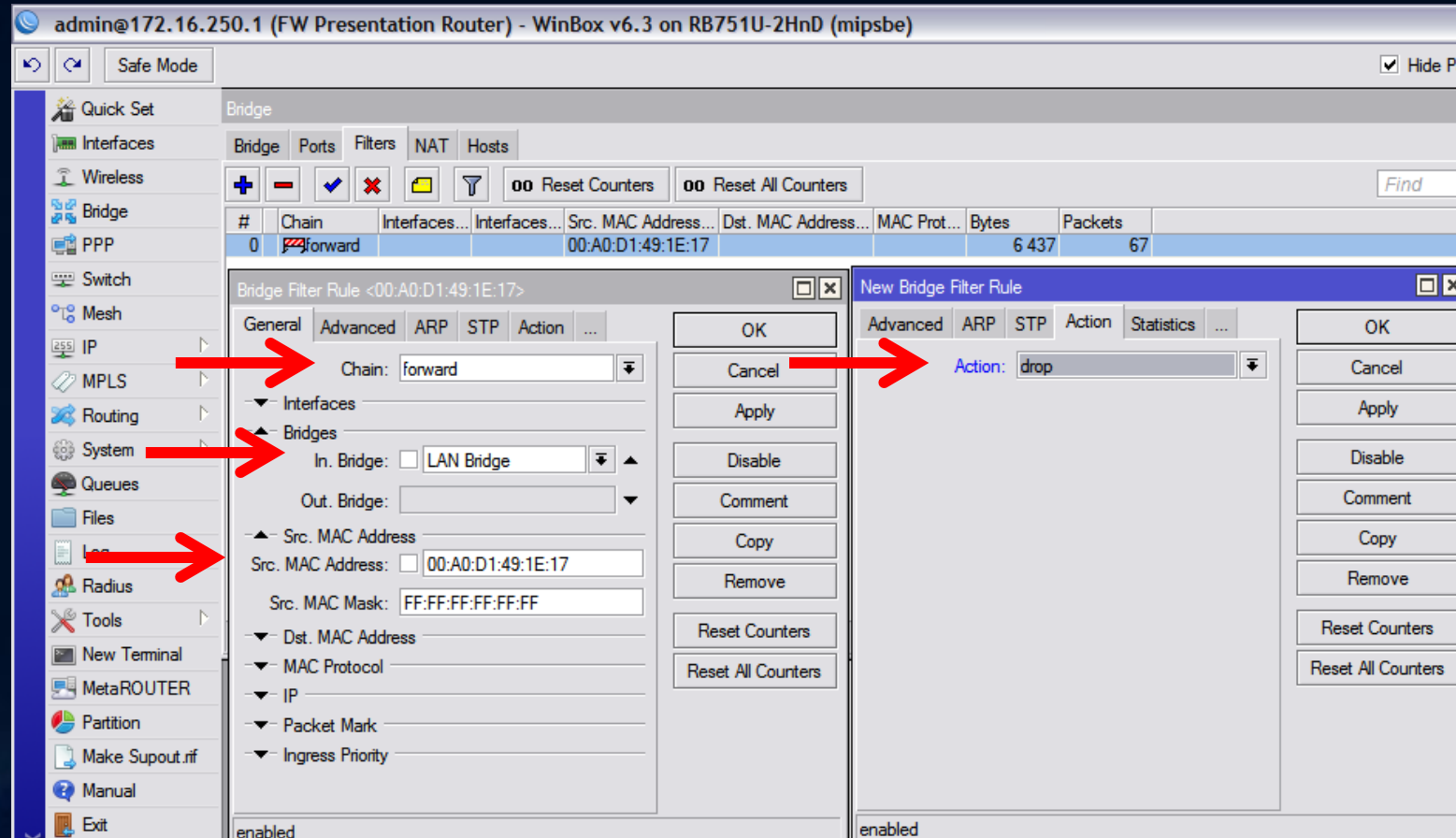


# How to Block Host by MAC





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## How to Block Host by MAC

- This rule does not block 100% of the traffic
- Traffic from this MAC to other hosts and out to the WAN should be blocked
- Traffic from the host to the gateway may not be blocked
- Take the additional step of blocking the IP address.
- Additional steps may be required

# How do we block websites?

Websites can be blocked by IP address using Address List, but if we want to block the site by the URL we will need to use the Web Proxy

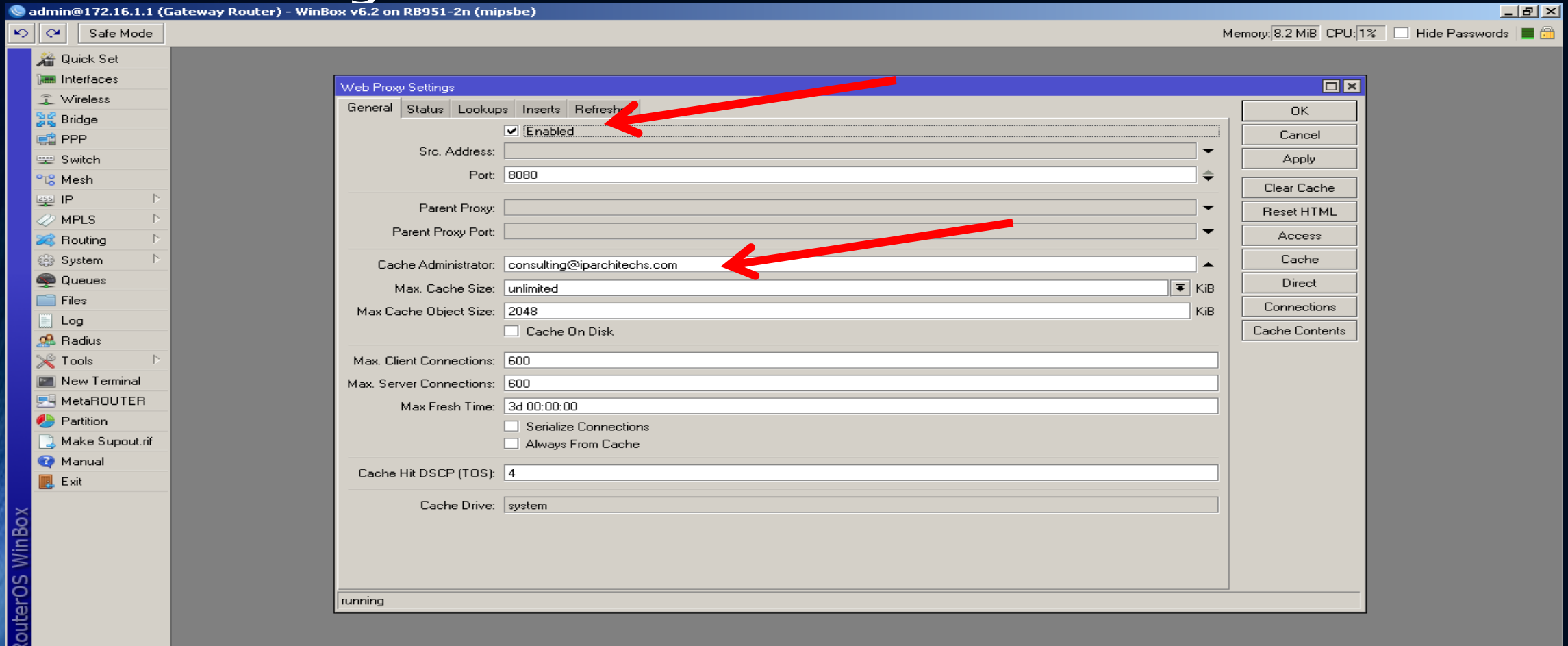
Step 1 – Turn on the Web Proxy

Step 2 – Create Web Proxy Access List Rules

Step 3 – Create a NAT redirect rule

Step 4 - Test

# Blocking Websites



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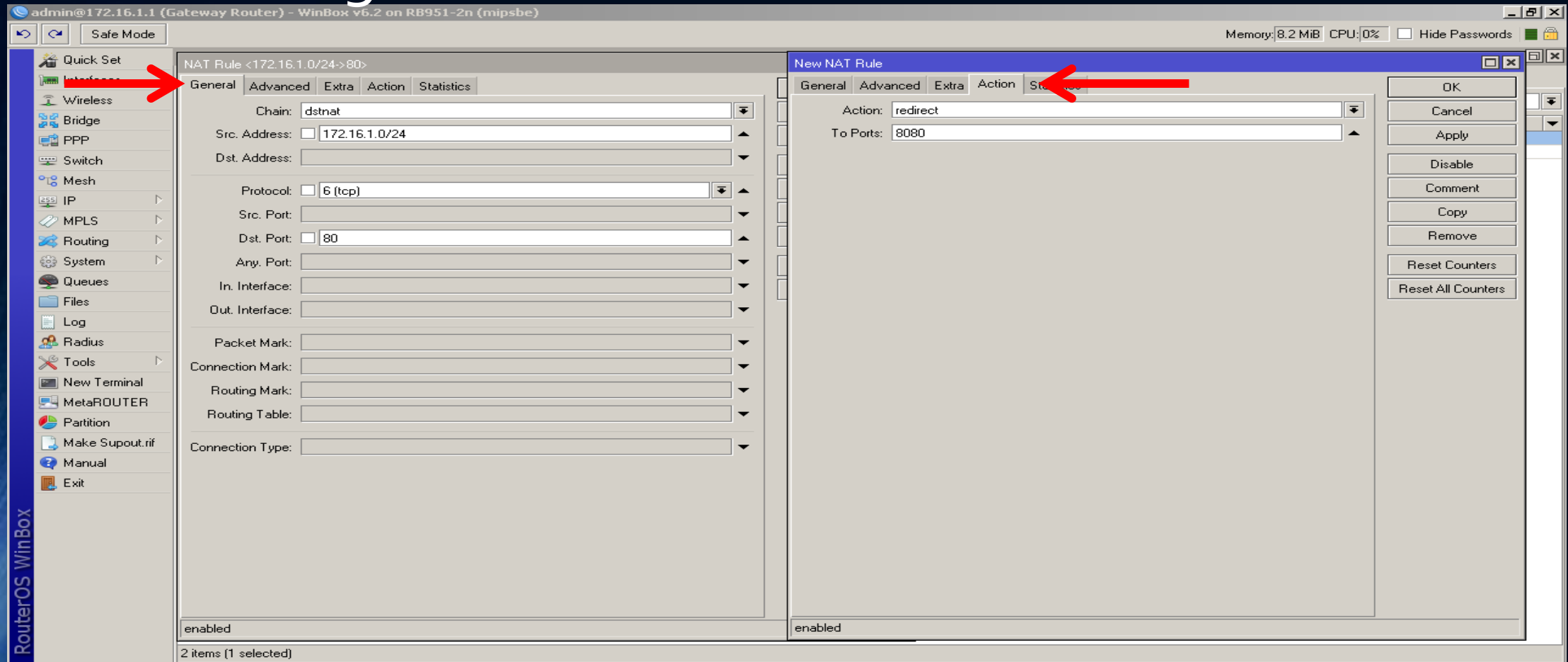
The screenshot shows the Mikrotik WinBox interface. The main window is titled "Web Proxy Settings" and has tabs for "General", "Status", "Lookups", "Inserts", and "Refreshes". The "General" tab is active, showing a table of "Web Proxy Access" rules. A red arrow points to the "+" icon in the top-left corner of the table, indicating the addition of a new rule.

#	Src. Address	Dst. Address	Dst. Port	Dst. Host	Path	Method	Action	Redirect To	Hits
0				www.google...			deny		5

Below the table, there are fields for "DSCP (TOS): 4" and "Cache Drive: system". To the right of the main window, there are several buttons: "OK", "Cancel", "Apply", "Clear Cache", "Reset HTML", "Access", "Cache", "Direct", "Connections", and "Cache Contents". A red arrow points to the "Access" button.

A "Web Proxy Rule" dialog box is open in the foreground. It has fields for "Src. Address", "Dst. Address", "Dst. Port", "Local Port", "Dst. Host" (set to "www.google.com"), "Path", "Method", "Action" (set to "deny"), "Redirect To", and "Hits" (set to "5"). There are buttons for "OK", "Cancel", "Apply", "Disable", "Comment", "Copy", "Remove", "Reset Counters", and "Reset All Counters". A red arrow points to the "Dst. Host" field, and another red arrow points to the "Action" dropdown menu.

# Blocking Websites



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admin@172.16.1.1 (Gateway Router) - WinBox v6.2 on RB951-2n (mipsbe)

Safe Mode Memory: 8.2 MiB CPU: 0% Hide Passwords

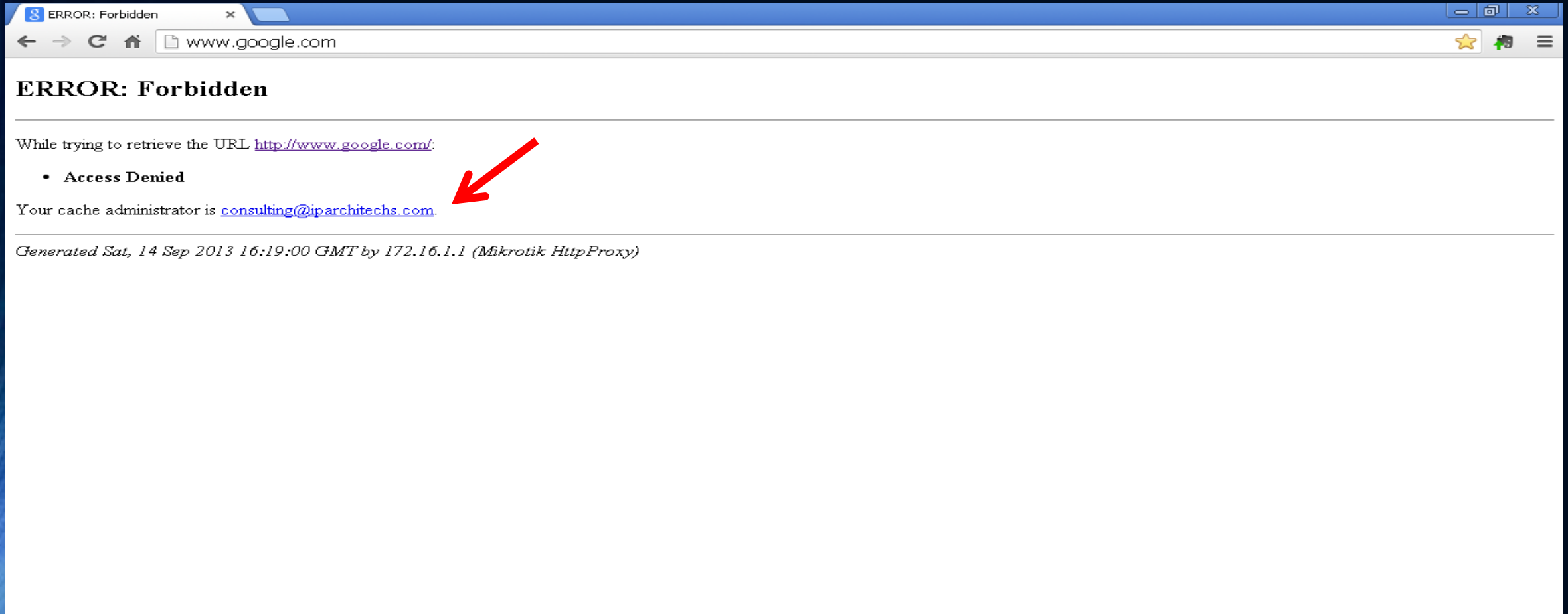
Firewall Filter Rules NAT Mangle Service Ports Connections Address Lists Layer7 Protocols

Reset Counters Reset All Counters Find all

#	Action	Chain	Src. Address	Dst. Address	Proto...	Src. Port	Dst. Port	In. Inter...	Out. Int...	Bytes	Packets
0	Redirect	dstnat	172.16.1.0/...		6 (tcp)		80			3688 B	71
1	Masquerade	srcnat							wlan1	23.2 KiB	410

The Redirect rule belongs above the masquerade rule

# Blocking Websites





## Layer 7 matching

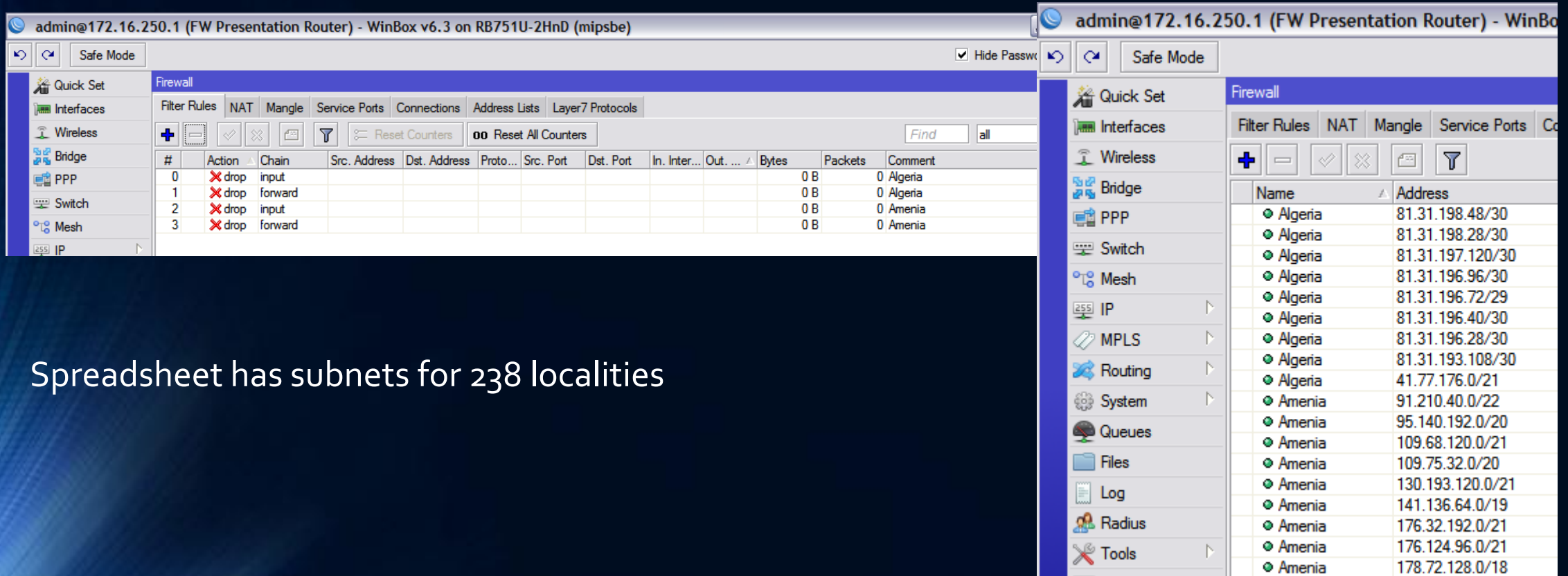
- Only works for ICMP, TCP, & UDP streams
- Only looks at the first 10 packets or 2kB of each connection, whichever is smaller
- For most applications, Layer 7 rules only work properly in the forward chain (The rules need to see incoming & outgoing traffic) or by using both the input/ prerouting & output/ postrouting chains

# Layer 7 matching

- 106 Pre-configured L7 Patterns are available at <http://wiki.mikrotik.com/wiki/Manual:IP/Firewall/L7>
  - Note that they have varying levels of reliability
- Many more examples are available throughout the Wiki and the Forums
- <http://l7-filter.sourceforge.net/protocols>



# BlockCountries By IP Address



admin@172.16.250.1 (FW Presentation Router) - WinBox v6.3 on RB751U-2HnD (mipsbe)

#	Action	Chain	Src. Address	Dst. Address	Proto...	Src. Port	Dst. Port	In. Inter...	Out. ...	Bytes	Packets	Comment
0	drop	input								0 B	0	Algeria
1	drop	forward								0 B	0	Algeria
2	drop	input								0 B	0	Amenia
3	drop	forward								0 B	0	Amenia

admin@172.16.250.1 (FW Presentation Router) - WinBox v6.3 on RB751U-2HnD (mipsbe)

Name	Address
Algeria	81.31.198.48/30
Algeria	81.31.198.28/30
Algeria	81.31.197.120/30
Algeria	81.31.196.96/30
Algeria	81.31.196.72/29
Algeria	81.31.196.40/30
Algeria	81.31.196.28/30
Algeria	81.31.193.108/30
Algeria	41.77.176.0/21
Amenia	91.210.40.0/22
Amenia	95.140.192.0/20
Amenia	109.68.120.0/21
Amenia	109.75.32.0/20
Amenia	130.193.120.0/21
Amenia	141.136.64.0/19
Amenia	176.32.192.0/21
Amenia	176.124.96.0/21
Amenia	178.72.128.0/18

Spreadsheet has subnets for 238 localities

# BlockCountries By IP Address

## How it is used

- By adding the Address list to the forward chain we can prevent our LAN hosts from access anything on those subnets at all
- Adding the list the Input chain will result in excess use of resources for what is ultimately very little benefit
- Don't try to add all countries! Only use the ones you need. Some countries have thousands of subnets
- Adding all of the approximately 1/2 million subnets will shut down most routers

# Managing Ports in the Firewall

- A list of 406 common TCP/UDP firewall ports have been include in the Firewall scripts.
- All port numbers were taken from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_TCP\\_and\\_UDP\\_port\\_numbers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_TCP_and_UDP_port_numbers)
- Port rules default to on, so delete port rules that don't apply to you

# Managing Ports in the Firewall

#	Action	Chain	Sr...	D.. ^	Protocol	: D	Any. Port	In. Inter...	Bytes	P...	Comment
455	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1002		0 B	0	Opwareagent (aka cogbot)
456	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1010		0 B	0	ThinLincWeb Administration
457	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1025		0 B	0	NFSorISorTeradata
458	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1026		0 B	0	Often used by MicrosoftDCOMserv...
459	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1029		0 B	0	Often used by MicrosoftDCOMserv...
460	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1167		0 B	0	phone, conference calling
461	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1194		0 B	0	OpenVPN
462	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1194		0 B	0	OpenVPN
463	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1234		0 B	0	VLC media playerdefault port for U...
464	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1293		0 B	0	IPSec(Internet Protocol Security)
465	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1293		0 B	0	IPSec(Internet Protocol Security)
466	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1512		0 B	0	MicrosoftWindows Internet Name ...
467	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1512		0 B	0	MicrosoftWindows Internet Name ...
468	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1589		0 B	0	CiscoVQP(VLAN Query Protocol) /...
469	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1700		0 B	0	Cisco RADIUS Change of Authoriz...
470	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1701		0 B	0	Layer 2 Forwarding Protocol(L2F) &...
471	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1719		0 B	0	H.323Registration and alternate co...
472	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1720		0 B	0	H.323Call signalling
473	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1723		0 B	0	MicrosoftPoint-to-Point Tunneling ...
474	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1723		0 B	0	MicrosoftPoint-to-Point Tunneling ...
475	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1812		0 B	0	radius.RADIUSauthentication prot...
476	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1812		0 B	0	radius.RADIUSauthentication prot...
477	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1813		0 B	0	radacct,RADIUSaccounting proto...
478	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1813		0 B	0	radacct,RADIUSaccounting proto...
479	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1994		0 B	0	CiscoSTUN-SDLC (Serial Tunnelin...
480	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1994		0 B	0	CiscoSTUN-SDLC (Serial Tunnelin...
481	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		1998		0 B	0	CiscoX.25 over TCP (XOT) service
482	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		1998		0 B	0	CiscoX.25 over TCP (XOT) service
483	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		2049		0 B	0	Network File System
484	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		2049		0 B	0	Network File System
485	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		3074		0 B	0	NAT /Xbox LIVEand/orGames for ...
486	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		3074		0 B	0	NAT /Xbox LIVEand/orGames for ...
487	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		3478		0 B	0	STUN, TURN
488	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		3478		0 B	0	STUN, TURN
489	acc...	Manage Common Ports			17 (udp)		3799		0 B	0	RADIUSchange of authorization
490	acc...	Manage Common Ports			6 (tcp)		3880		0 B	0	IGRS

510 items (1 selected)

# Open DNS





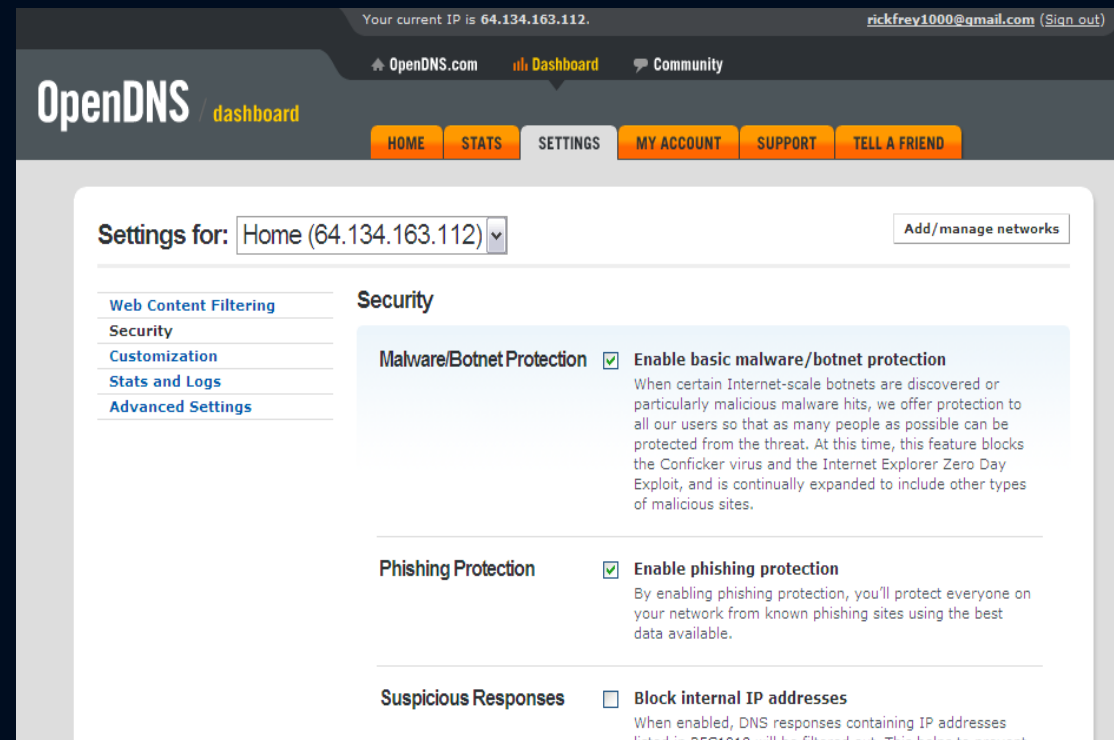
## Open DNS

- Provides filtering for:

Adware, Alcohol, Chat, Classifieds, Dating, Drugs, Gambling, Games, Hate/Discrimination, Instant Messaging, P2P/File sharing, Social Networking, Video Sharing, Visual Search Engines, Weapons, Webmail, Photo Sharing, Adult Themes, Tasteless Lingerie/Bikini, Proxy/Anonymizer, Sexuality, Nudity, Pornography

# Open DNS

- Simple Configuration!
  - Step 1 – Change the DNS addresses in RouterOS to point to OpenDNS
  - Step 2 – Add the router’s IP or URL into the OpenDNS Dashboard
  - Step 3 – Use dashboard to set permissions levels



# Questions?

