

Re: Block IP

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I just had the same problem. I wanted to block an ip that is constantly doing a dictionary attack on my system. This is the situation before:

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/etc/hosts.allow:  
ALL : <some trusted domains here>  
sshd : ALL  
/etc/hosts.deny:  
ALL : ALL
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The only way I could see to add this ip address I want to block is to change sshd:ALL in hosts.allow to sshd:ALL EXCEPT 1.2.3.4.

If I could add sshd:1.2.3.4 to hosts.deny, this would totally be ignored.

Perhaps it would be more neat to remove sshd:ALL from hosts.allow and to remove ALL:ALL from hosts.deny.

Then I could say sshd:1.2.3.4 in hosts.deny.

However, what more will be allowed then? The ALL:ALL in hosts.deny blocks a lot more of course.

Still, I have the feeling that ALL EXCEPT <long lists of untrusted ips here> is not the way to go.

Can anybody tell me how this should be done?

Thanks in advance,
JeeBee.

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