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How do i enable iptables under debian 11?

Hello, failing miserably at enabling iptables. It is installed and i tried this <https://wiki.debian.org/iptables> but it didn't do anything. Yes, im logged in as root. When i enter an iptables command it says command not found. Thanks in advance



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I am running Debian 11 and I see it at /usr/sbin/iptables. The 'which' command finds it if I am logged in as root. I usually do not run it by hand though - I let ufw take care of it.



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Same location for me. But yeah, unfortunately not working.



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Don't use iptables - it's deprecated, and not suitable for new projects.

Its replacement is nftables and has been the default in Debian since Debian 10.

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The debian server is running an old gameserver and it needs those very specific iptables rules in order to be protected from various exploits and DoS attacks. I don't have the time, nor the willpower to learn about nftables and make them work there.

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Have you installed the package? Use `apt install iptables`.

Keep in mind that even if you install the package it is going to be using the nft-based translations by default. If you really truly need iptables, you also need to switch the alternatives.

This forces the 'legacy' version of iptables.

```
update-alternatives --set iptables /usr/sbin/iptables-legacy
update-alternatives --set ip6tables /usr/sbin/ip6tables-legacy
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apt install ipset should also cause it to switch to iptables

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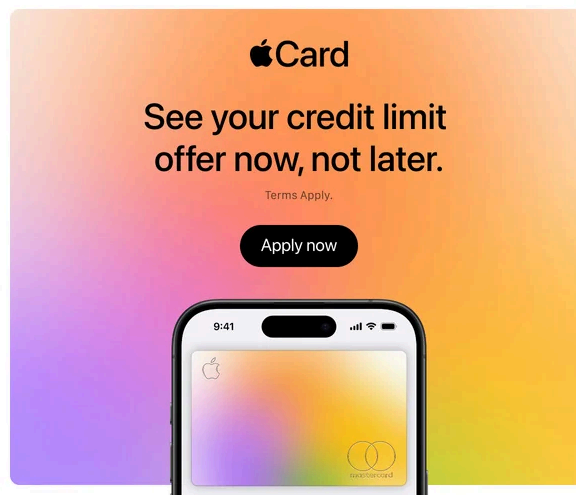
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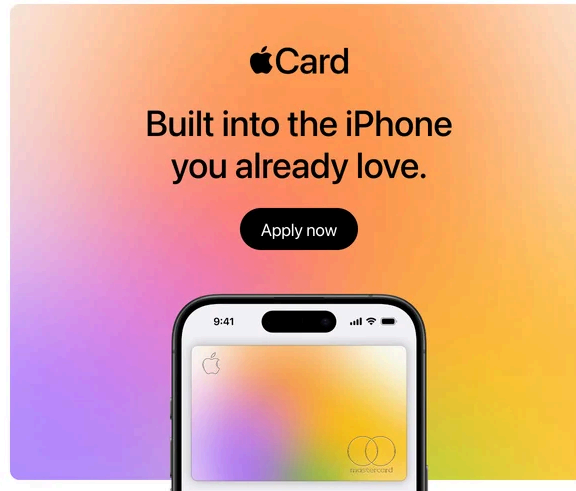
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