

Configuration

Introduction

ZI-KNOCK Zimlet is an easy-to-use tool for securing access to the Zimbra system admin panel. Without activating the Zimlet in the administrator mail account, access to the admin panel is permanently blocked. Access to the panel from `www.mail.companydomaine.com:7071` is not available. After activation the Zimlet, access to the admin panel is opened for a configured period of time.

Access control to the admin panel is performed by `Knockd` - well known linux application.

`Knockd` is a port knocking application, which dynamically change the firewall rules evoked by the configured port scanning sequence.

Zimlet configuration process has two stages:

- `Knockd` configuration on the ZCS Zimbra server
- ZI-Knock Zimlet configuration

Knockd configuration in a Linux system

At this documentantation we assume:

- installation is performed on the Ubuntu distribution
- `iptables` are installed
- `iptables` block administration port 7071 or 9071 by default

When `Knockd` is installed on mbox then port 7071 is configured to be blocked on a firewall. When is installed on proxy server port 9071 should be blocked on the firewall.

The first step is to install `Knockd`:

```
apt install knockd
```

After that we have to edit file `/etc/knockd.conf`:

```
[options]  
UseSyslog
```

```
Interface = ens160

[openZimbraAdmin]
sequence = 7000,7001,7002
seq_timeout = 25
command = /sbin/iptables -I INPUT 1 -s %IP% -p tcp --dport 7071 -j ACCEPT
tcpflags = syn
cmd_timeout = 60
stop_command = /sbin/iptables -D INPUT -s %IP% -p tcp --dport 7071 -j ACCEPT
```

In line 6 we assume the port scanning sequence 7000 -> 7001 -> 7002. After that for a 60s port 7071 will be opened.

Finally we enable the knockd in a file `/etc/default/knockd`:

```
#####
#
# knockd's default file, for generic sys config
#
#####

# control if we start knockd at init or not
# 1 = start
# anything else = don't start
#
# PLEASE EDIT /etc/knockd.conf BEFORE ENABLING
START_KNOCKD=1
```

by adding `START_KNOCKD=1`.

After all we restart the service:

```
service knockd restart
```

To verify Knockd configuration we evoke Knock application on other host as follows:

```
knock 172.17.0.143 7000 7001 7002
```

where 172.17.0.143 is a IP of the server with installed Knockd.

On the server we should see in `/var/log/syslog`:



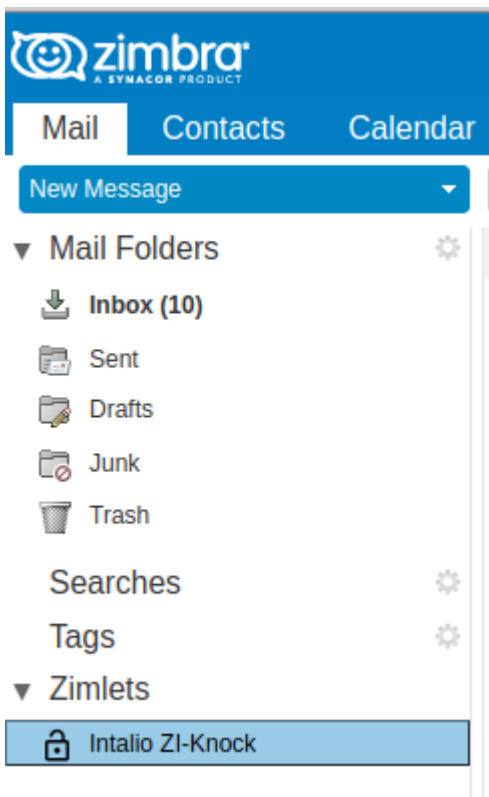
```
Apr 10 16:45:19 zimbraosdemo2 knockd: 172.17.0.1: openZimbraAdmin: Stage 1
Apr 10 16:45:19 zimbraosdemo2 knockd: 172.17.0.1: openZimbraAdmin: Stage 2
Apr 10 16:45:19 zimbraosdemo2 knockd: 172.17.0.1: openZimbraAdmin: Stage 3
Apr 10 16:45:19 zimbraosdemo2 knockd: 172.17.0.1: openZimbraAdmin: OPEN SESAME
Apr 10 16:45:19 zimbraosdemo2 knockd: openZimbraAdmin: running
command: /sbin/iptables -I INPUT 1 -s 172.17.0.1 -p tcp --dport 7071 -j ACCEPT
```

Zimlet configuration

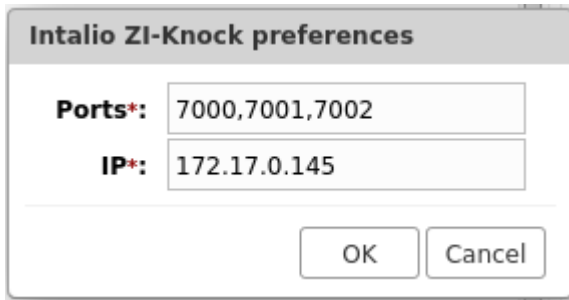
We assume that admin account is user1@domain.com and the Zimlet is enabled for this user.

To configure the Zimlet, user have to:

- log into user1@domain.com,
- double click on the **Intalio ZI-Knock icon**,



- Fill the Ports and IP fields on Intalio ZI-Knock preferences window



The image shows a dialog box titled "Intalio ZI-Knock preferences". It contains two input fields: "Ports*" with the value "7000,7001,7002" and "IP*" with the value "172.17.0.145". At the bottom, there are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

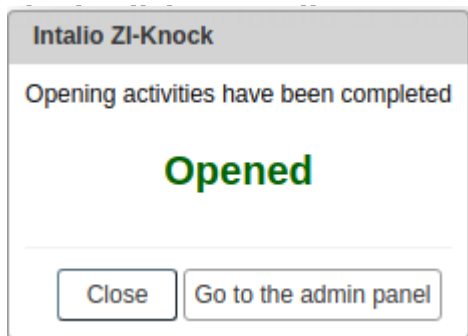
Where in a field Ports should be those configured in the Knockd.

In a field IP should be the address of the Zimbra Proxy Server.

It is also possible to configure Zimlet from CLI. To do this, user have to log into the console of the ZCS Zimbra server, and as zimbra user evoke commands:

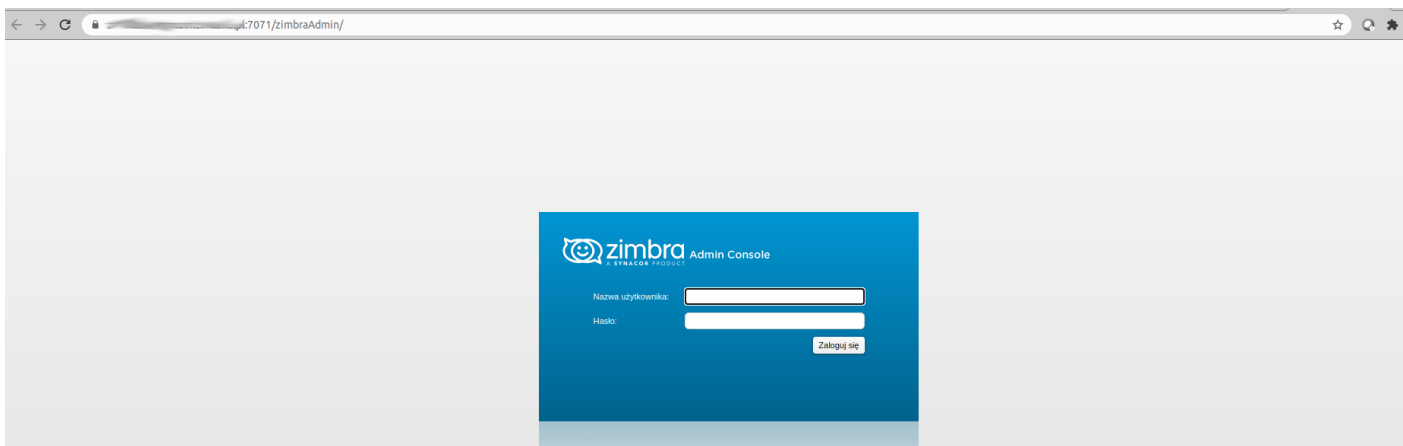
```
zmprov ma user1@domain.com +zimbraZimletUserProperties  
"intalio_zi_knock:IntalioPortKnocking_ports:7001,7002,7003"  
zmprov ma user1@domain.com +zimbraZimletUserProperties  
"intalio_zi_knock:IntalioPortKnocking_ip:172.17.0.145"
```

After configuration process user1@domain.com can open access to the Administrator Panel by clicking **Intalio ZI-Knock icon**, than he should click "Go to the admin panel".



The image shows a dialog box titled "Intalio ZI-Knock". It contains the text "Opening activities have been completed" and a large green "Opened" message. At the bottom, there are "Close" and "Go to the admin panel" buttons.

Finally user should see login panel:



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