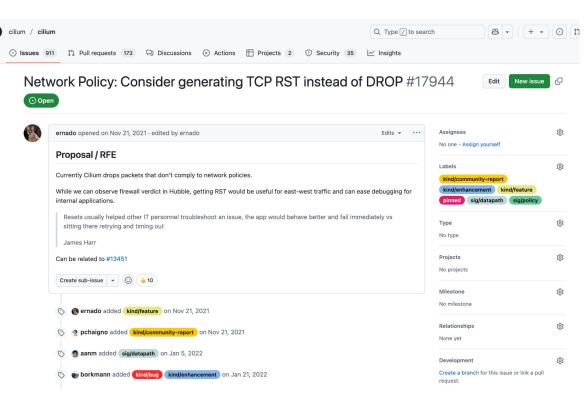
# kfunc for TCP reset

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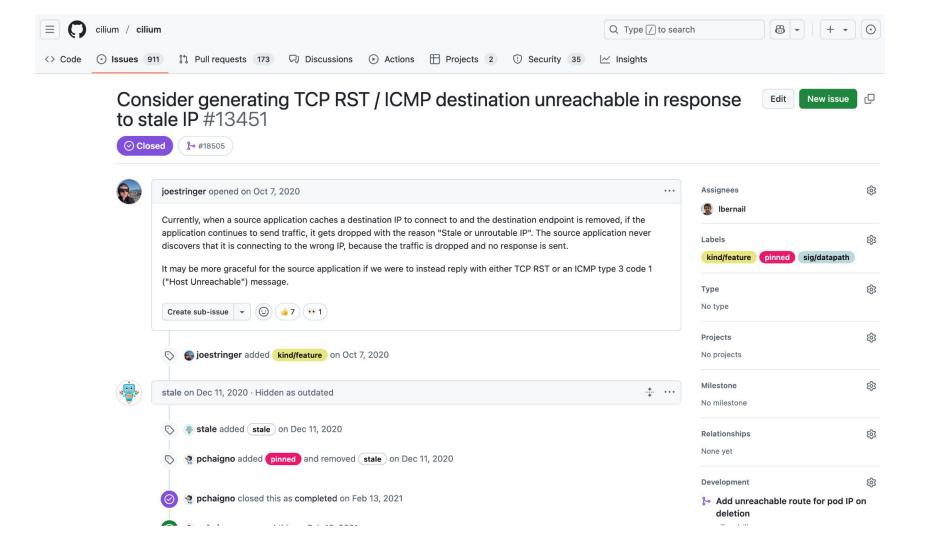
### Use case

Cilium and Tetragon could use the ability to TCP RST instead of just drop for more awareness to the source of the traffic.

Tetragon main use case is to send RST to Pods inside the cluster sending data out.



https://github.com/cilium/cilium/issues/17944



```
→ 16 ■■■■ pkg/datapath/linux/routing/routing.go [□]
              @@ -209,6 +209,22 @@ func Delete(ip net.IP, compat bool) error {
                              scopedLog.WithField(logfields.Rule, egress).Debug("Deleted egress rule")
209
      209
                      }
210
      210
211
      211
      212 +
                      if option.Config.EnableUnreachableRoutes {
      213
                             // Replace route to old IP with an unreachable route. This will
      214 +
                             // - trigger ICMP error messages for clients attempting to connect to the stale IP
      215

    avoid hitting rp_filter and getting Martian packet warning

      216
                             // When the IP is reused, the unreachable route will be replaced to target the new pod veth
                             // In CRD-based IPAM, when an IP is unassigned from the CiliumNode, we delete this route
      217 +
      218 +
                             // to avoid blackholing traffic to this IP if it gets reassigned to another node
      219 +
                             if err := netlink.RouteReplace(&netlink.Route{
      220 +
                                     Dst:
                                            &ipWithMask,
      221 +
                                     Table: route.MainTable,
      222 +
                                     Type: unix.RTN UNREACHABLE,
                             }); err != nil {
      223 +
      224 +
                                     return fmt.Errorf("unable to add unreachable route for ip %s: %w", ipWithMask.String(), err)
      225
                             }
      226 +
      227 +
                      return nil
212
      228
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```

# Netfilter reject target with tcp-reset option

### 11.14. REJECT target

The **REJECT** target works basically the same as the **DROP** target, but it also sends back an error message to the host sending the packet that was blocked. The **REJECT** target is as of today only valid in the INPUT, FORWARD and OUTPUT chains or their sub chains. After all, these would be the only chains in which it would make any sense to put this target. Note that all chains that use the **REJECT** target may only be called by the INPUT, FORWARD, and OUTPUT chains, else they won't work. There is currently only one option which controls the nature of how this target works, though this may in turn take a huge set of variables. Most of them are fairly easy to understand, if you have a basic knowledge of TCP/IP.

#### Table 11-10. REJECT target

Option	reject-with
Example	iptables -A FORWARD -p TCPdport 22 -j REJECTreject-with tcp-reset
	This option tells the <b>REJECT</b> target what response to send to the host that sent the packet that we are rejecting. Once we get a packet that matches a rule in which we have specified this target, our host will first of all send the associated reply, and the packet will then be dropped dead, just as the <b>DROP</b> target would drop it. The following reject types are currently valid: icmp-net-unreachable, icmp-host-unreachable, icmp-port-unreachable, icmp-proto-unreachable, icmp-net-prohibited and icmp-host-prohibited. The default error message is to send a <b>port-unreachable</b> to the host. All of the above are ICMP error messages and may be set as you wish. You can find further information on their various purposes in the appendix <i>ICMP types</i> . Finally, there is one more option called <b>tcp-reset</b> , which may only be used together with the TCP protocol. The <b>tcp-reset</b> option will tell <b>REJECT</b> to send a TCP RST packet in reply to the sending host. TCP RST packets are used to close open TCP connections gracefully. For more information about the TCP RST read <i>RFC 793 - Transmission Control Protocol</i> . As stated in the <b>iptables</b> man page, this is mainly useful for blocking ident probes which frequently occur when sending mail to broken mail hosts, that won't otherwise accept your mail.

## Netfilter reject target with tcp-reset option

```
static unsigned int
31
     reject_tg(struct sk_buff *skb, const struct xt_action_param *par)
32
33
             const struct ipt reject info *reject = par->targinfo:
34
             int hook = xt hooknum(par);
35
36
             switch (reject->with) {
37
             case IPT ICMP NET UNREACHABLE:
38
                      nf send unreach(skb, ICMP NET UNREACH, hook);
39
                      break:
40
             case IPT ICMP HOST UNREACHABLE:
                     nf_send_unreach(skb, ICMP_HOST_UNREACH, hook);
41
42
                     break:
43
             case IPT ICMP PROT UNREACHABLE:
                     nf_send_unreach(skb, ICMP_PROT_UNREACH, hook);
44
45
             case IPT_ICMP_PORT_UNREACHABLE:
46
                     nf_send_unreach(skb, ICMP_PORT_UNREACH, hook);
47
48
                      break:
49
             case IPT ICMP NET PROHIBITED:
50
                     nf_send_unreach(skb, ICMP_NET_ANO, hook);
51
                      break:
52
             case IPT ICMP HOST PROHIBITED:
53
                     nf_send_unreach(skb, ICMP_HOST_ANO, hook);
54
                     break:
55
             case IPT ICMP ADMIN PROHIBITED:
                     nf_send_unreach(skb, ICMP_PKT_FILTERED, hook);
56
57
                     break:
58
             case IPT TCP RESET:
59
                      nf_send_reset(xt_net(par), par->state->sk, skb, hook);
60
                      break:
61
             case IPT_ICMP_ECHOREPLY:
62
                      /* Doesn't happen, */
63
                      break:
64
65
66
             return NF DROP;
67
```

### Reuse bpf\_sock\_destroy?

- Aditi Ghag added the bpf\_sock\_destroy kfunc for socket load balancing and enforcing policies on existing connection use cases.
- This kfunc can only be used in iterators.
- This function can only be called from BPF contexts that have acquired the socket lock.

Could this be extended to support cgroup\_skb prog types (and more)?

```
From: Aditi Ghaq <aditi.ghaq@isovalent.com>
To: bpf@vger.kernel.org
Cc: kafai@fb.com, sdf@google.com, aditi.ghag@isovalent.com
Subject: [PATCH v9 bpf-next 0/9] bpf: Add socket destroy capability
Date: Fri. 19 May 2023 22:51:48 +0000
                                           [thread overview]
Message-ID: <20230519225157.760788-1-aditi.ghag@isovalent.com> (raw)
This patch set adds the capability to destroy sockets in BPF. We plan to
use the capability in Cilium to force client sockets to reconnect when
their remote load-balancing backends are deleted. The other use case is
on-the-fly policy enforcement where existing socket connections
prevented by policies need to be terminated.
The use cases, and more details around
the selected approach were presented at LPC 2022 -
https://lpc.events/event/16/contributions/1358/.
RFC discussion -
https://lore.kernel.org/netdev/CABG=zsBEh-P4NXk23eBJw7eajB5YJeRS7oPXnTAzs=yob4E
MoQ@mail.gmail.com/T/#u.
v8 patch series -
https://lore.kernel.org/bpf/20230517175359.527917-1-aditi.ghag@isovalent.com/
[...]
Aditi Ghaq (9):
  bpf: tcp: Avoid taking fast sock lock in iterator
  udp: seq_file: Helper function to match socket attributes
  bpf: udp: Encapsulate logic to get udp table
  udp: seg_file: Remove bpf_seg_afinfo from udp_iter_state
  bpf: udp: Implement batching for sockets iterator
  bpf: Add kfunc filter function to 'struct btf_kfunc_id_set'
  bpf: Add bpf_sock_destroy kfunc
  selftests/bpf: Add helper to get port using getsockname
  selftests/bpf: Test bpf_sock_destroy
```

https://lore.kernel.org/all/20230519225157.760788-1-aditi.ghag@isovalent.com/

### **Discussions**

- Should we support ICMP responses?
- Make sure to include limits to prevent DDoS.
- TCP RST direction for existing connections?