

# The Limit Match

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**-m limit** *option*

**There are 2 options:**

**--limit** *value*, where *value* is the maximum matches per time-unit (default second)

**--limit-burst** *value*, where *value* is maximum burst (matches) before the above limit “kicks in” (default 5)

**Examples:**

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1. iptables -A FORWARD -m limit --limit 1/minute -p udp --dport 53 -j LOG
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2. iptables -A INPUT -p tcp --syn -m limit --limit 2/s --limit-burst 7 -j ACCEPT
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