

## How to turn off telnetd on FreeBSD

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There is a brand new **remote FreeBSD vulnerability in telnetd** in all its versions starting from version 7 to 9. It is therefore advisable that the telnet daemon be completely disabled.

*To disable telnetd on FreeBSD:*

### 1. Open /etc/inetd.conf

```
freebsd# vi /etc/inetd.conf
```

### 2. Comment out the line

```
telnet stream tcp nowait root /usr/libexec/telnetd telnetd
```

e.g.:

```
#telnet stream tcp nowait root /usr/libexec/telnetd telnetd
```

### 3. Restart inetd

```
freebsd# /etc/rc.d/inetd restart
```

The whole [remote root telnetd FreeBSD security advisory \(SA\)](#), can be read [here](#).